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WEATHER REPORT.

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

TO EVERYBODY ON EARTH.

On this, the first day of the year 1906, the Morning Astorian hereby expresses, and directs, its good will, and cheerful wishes to everybody on earth; to its friends and enemies, its patrons and non-patrons, its readers and non-readers, its business associates and those unconnected with it in any way; its political supporters and the opposition, far and near; to each man, woman and child to whom these lines shall come at home and abroad, for a bright, successful, happy and prosperous New Year.

ASTORIA'S ALRIGHT.

As a sea port on a long and dangerous winter coast, the percentage of loss and accident inside, and outside, her bar, makes Astoria one of the safest places in the world for the mariner. There is reason for this. Her pilots, masters, sailors and dockmen are among the best trained and hardiest on the coast; careful, shrewd, intelligent, observing, practised and practising, men, with a pride in their business and a realizing sense of their responsibilities. There is nothing invidious in this. Other ports may have just the same advantages, only Astoria seems to use her's with closer application and more pronounced success.

THANKS BE!

Thanks be given to whatever source or agency is responsible for it, that there is no politics in public enterprise. Astoria can go ahead with her own public-spirited plans and purposes upon the larger and fuller basis of composite action and fear no obstacles from the dominant party or the party not quite so dominant. The common good of Astoria is the spell that lays the devil of party strife, and the whole community can rejoice in the immunity. If she wants to build a seawall, some new mills, a railroad to Tillamook, or any other little thing she thinks will do her good, she can go ahead with it minus any trepidation from this old bogbar of partisan interference. And these are some of the things she intends to do, too!

THE IDAHO OUTRAGE.

The murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, at the door of his home on Saturday evening last, by means of a bomb deliberately put there in preconcerted shape to do its deadly work as he opened the gate, is on a par with anything of the sort that the American press has had to herald from the Old World during the past two years.

We applaud the prompt action of Governor Gooding in putting the State on record in the matter of reprisals as he has, and trust the murderer and all

behind him, will swing to the last man, and without any needless delay.

The fact that Frank Steunenberg was too much of a man to stand the domination of the worst element of the party that elected him (the Democratic) is at the bottom of his death. It is undoubtedly the work of some hound, just from the Idaho penitentiary where Steunenberg's manliness sent him for other beastly work during the Cour d'Alene riots of 1899, and no stone should be left unturned on top of earth until he is in the hands of the outraged law.

We shall hail his capture, conviction, and utter penalty with satisfaction.

THE PRESTIGE OF INITIATIVE.

The man, or the community, that initiates something of value to himself, or it, commands instant and genuine respect; and this, whether it is a success or not. People who move and plan and strive are the ones that are looked up to. Astoria is far better known today for the one fine railway system that she inaugurated than for anything else, unless it be for the fisheries and mills she has founded and maintained. Once she begins a campaign for something remarkable and profitable, that moment the world takes a new interest in her and watches her progress, and frequently takes a hand itself in her destinies. So long as she sits still and does nothing for herself or her future, just so long will the commercial activities let her alone (save, where they can see a chance to exploit her for their own peculiar advantage). Take a grip on the lever of prosperity, fire up with the fuel of local endorsement, and go ahead with your progressive program, and the world will declare you an engineer, anyway!

UNCLE RUSSELL'S SMILE.

The wits of the press will crack many jokes at the expense of Russell Sage for reappearing in Wall street with millions to lend when interest rates are unusually high. Nevertheless, it is a good thing that there are men around like Russell Sage with money to lend and the nerve to lend it during the financial pinch. Men who put out loans instead of drawing them in during a financial stringency are the men who avert panics. It is characteristic of Russell Sage that he always made his heaviest loans when nobody else wanted to lend. He is reported to have loaned \$30,000,000 in the 3 hours at a time when interest on call loans was bounding up to panic figures. Doubtless he exacted good security and heavy interest rates, but nevertheless he eased off the money market. He relieved the pressure on the banks and assisted in tidying over a serious stringency. By lending his money at this time he has rendered the whole country a service and stiffened the backbone of a weak money market. It is only fair to say this, and not look entirely at the selfish side of the old financier's operations.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

It takes a lobbyist to catch a reformer.

The problem of teachers' wages puzzles the most gifted educators.

Norway's new king manifests no disposition to complicate the European situation.

The striking feature of Mr. Tom Lawson's newest advertisements is in the substitution of promise for prophecy.

The Atlanta "Constitution" thinks the Panama Canal appropriation should be devoted more to wages and less to salaries.

Certainly no other New Year ever had a more abundant variety of "hot coppers" as an incentive to good resolutions.

Russia has had experience enough in defeat to justify the hope that she will not be easily discouraged by failure to conquer herself at the first attempt.

Senator Bailey's confidence in the integrity of his colleagues would be more important if Senator Bailey was on the federal bench in various sections of the country.

The automobile party that rained half dollars in the New York Bowery on Christmas is justified in assuming that the Bowery has no objections to devil wagons of that variety and no fears of "tainted money."

With what fine indignation can a

man repudiate the monstrous imputation that he was driving his automobile at twenty-five miles an hour, when it was really running at only twenty-four and a half miles!

Secretary Bonaparte is reaping the reward of his unpatriotic and unsympathetic suggestion about making a target of "Old Ironsides." He has received no less than 200 original poems on the subject of the ship, it is said.

In a country which boasts of its high state of civilization, it is not wholly unreasonable to insist that a first grade school teacher ought to receive as good a salary as is paid to a dealer in a furo game or a bartender in an ordinary grogshop.

Hat in hand, President Ciprano Castro politely send his greetings to "the industrious American people," and wishes them "health and prosperity in the new year." Same to President Castro. May his shadow never grow less, and may his debts and debtors diminish to the vanishing point!

Congressman Sulzer thinks that Croesus could not play poker with John D. Rockefeller. Possibly not, but it relieves the situation to surmise that he would not have cared to, while as to Mr. Rockefeller it is certain that he would not play poker with any one. Mr. Sulzer's illustration, therefore, is not a particularly happy one.

The statement that Joseph H. Choate, recently American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, is likely to be chosen by the President as our representative to the Hague, will be received with pleasure by every good American, as his actual appointment would meet with general approbation. Mr. Choate is a representative American and served his country as Ambassador with credit both to himself and it.

The Chinese Cooly question, with which the new British Ministry has to deal in South Africa, may be understood from this description by a correspondent of the Chinese scare in Johannesburg: "The white workers in the mines carry revolvers; the police are armed with ball cartridge and bayonet; camped yonder at Auckland Park is a mobile column of mounted men, ready to move against an enemy at a moment's notice; the country folk on the other side of the swelling rise are armed to the teeth and live at night in barricaded and fortified houses."

Chief Justice Fuller was not long ago the guest of a Southern man who had a servant, named John famous for his mint julep. Soon after Judge Fuller's arrival John appeared, bearing a tray on which was a long, cool glass, topped with crushed ice and a small tree of mint. With low bows and many smiles, according to "The Buffalo Commercial," he presented it, and watched anxiously while Judge Fuller appreciatively sipped it. "That touch the right spot, sah?" he queried. "It does, John; it does," the judge replied. John disappeared, but was soon recalled by the tinkle of a handbell. The judge looked up, with a twinkle in his eye. "I think I've got another spot, John," he said.

"The New York Sun" discloses some impatience with a writer in "The Boston Herald" who tells how hasty puddin' ought to be made. Our neighbor exclaims: "Yes! yes! but where do you get the right kind of meal, man? Where do you get the meal?" Observation and experience dictate the melancholy judgment that, while the right kind of meal may still be turned out, here and there, in the clandestine proceedings of remote New England households, it is no longer procurable for cash in the marts of trade. We hate to say so, and should rejoice to be able to acknowledge the corn, as it were; but facts are facts.

Some striking figures are published by the "Novoe Vremya" as to the forces at the disposal of the Russian commander-in-chief in Manchuria at the close of the late war. When peace was concluded General Linvitch had at his disposal 12,500 officers, 917,000 men and 270,000 horses. But from the beginning to the end of the war there had been carried to the front 20,000 officers, 1,270,000 men, 230,000 horses and more than 1600 guns. Subtracting these figures and making allowance for the 80,000 men already in the spot when war broke out, the net losses appear roughly 7500 officers and 230,000 men.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L. L. D., Of Waverly, Texas, writes that a morning, when first arising, I when had a troublesome collection of phlegm which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Dr. Peppard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it and the trouble is cured. I know of no medicine that will do this, and it is so pleasant to take that I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble.

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