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WEATHER REPORT.

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

GRIP, AND GRIP HARD.

The valuable accessories of civilization are not brought to a city on a silver dish, with a set speech of endowment. They have to be gone after and are brought in only by the exercise of intelligence, pluck and a good hard grip. Astoria wants a number of things and she is going to have them within a reasonable time and with actual certainty. But she has got to get her "paw" out and reach for them. Go after her own, seize it and bring it to her doors and make use of it, just as an individual does. If she wants a railroad to Tillamook she must call in an engineer, give him his orders to make a preliminary survey, and estimate the cost and probable revenues, and pay him for his intelligent report. She must put up the meagre sum of money this will cost. Once this is in her possession, she is in a position to dictate the subsequent disposal of the venture. She is in the lead; and if she finds it will pay better to transfer her prerogative to some one else, the prestige of having inaugurated the thing belongs to her as well as the certainty of seeing her purposes carried out to a finality. Grip hard!

UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED.

The egregious ass in Eastern Oregon who undertook to make the daughter of the President an object of national charity at the happiest period of her life, is being hauled over the coals of adverse criticism from one end of the country to the other. He will probably claim it was started as a jest. Admitting such a claim, the ugly alternative of wretched bad taste still remains. It was a bold and reckless employment of the name of a young American woman, whose claim upon society everywhere is just as palpable for the protection of her modesty and instinctive goodness, as that of the simplest maid in the humblest home in the land. The mere fact that she was the daughter of the President conveyed not the slightest authority to use her name in a public print for public purposes without her knowledge and consent. Her immunity was coarsely invaded and promptly rebuked.

HELLO! TILLAMOOK!

The people of Astoria are about to inaugurate a railroad, hence, to your city and country. What do you think of it? And what will you do to bolster the proposition? What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander? Will you stand pat?

LUCK VERSUS PLUCK.

Luck is vagary! Pluck is a living fact! Pluck begets luck! Luck counts only when pluck inspires it! Astoria's luck is measured by her pluck!

EVERYTHING IN SEQUENCE.

Just as soon as Astoria gets that railway to Tillamook under headway and in definite shape for early completion she intends to build that seawall. The former project will create a necessity for the latter. When both are finished she is going after terminals and terminal rates and other matters in which she is vitally interested.

PROSPECTS FOR STEEL.

New uses of steel have made the year 1905 a record-breaker for the manufacturers. Its close approaches and finds them sold up and talking of the necessity of higher prices. There are no unsold stocks to be carried over into the new year, but there are, on the other hand, large accumulations of unfilled orders. It is a condition that speaks remarkably well for this great industry for one of the most prosperous years that this country has ever known, and it augurs a repetition of it with added measure in the year to come. With all the inducements to raise prices to unprecedented heights a calmness has been displayed in this respect by the manufacturers that has prevented any abnormal conditions from arising. The railroads have been responsible, in great measure, for the unprecedented condition existing in the steel trade. Their renewals for rails and equipment were augmented by the adoption of street cars. As the manufacture of this class of rolling stock increases—and all the roads are inclining that way—there will be a market for steel in thousands of tons that never existed before. It would not be strange if prices were considerably higher during 1906.

DECORATION AND INVESTMENT.

Approximately \$37,000,000 will represent the value of diamonds and other precious stones imported into the United States through the port of New York during the year 1905. With only three and a half business days now remaining the figures are very close to that total already. They mark the high record in this line of imports, exceeding that of 1904 by nearly \$11,000,000. This is accounted for in part by the advance of about 25 per cent in the price of the gems during the year, but the quantity itself is very largely in excess of the figures for any previous year in our history. Practically all the importations of precious stones are through New York, and this \$37,000,000 therefore represents what the American people have added to the sum-total of their gem holdings during the past twelve months. In round numbers they have been acquiring this sort of property at the rate of \$100,000 a day. The price would pay for ten or a dozen first-class battleships or duplicate an underground railroad like our New York Subway. A people who can afford to put out that sum of money on a single luxury in one year must be marvelously prosperous. In truth, we Americans are all "wearing diamonds"—in one form or another—as this year of grace 1905 draws to its close.—Ex.

CALL UP HEAVEN SOMEBODY!

It looks as if another triumph in wireless telegraphy had been achieved and some records broken by the Navy Department on Christmas Eve. Full details are lacking and may not be had for a week. But this is certain—the station at Washington received a "Merry Christmas" message in answer to one sent earlier, from Guantanamo, Cuba, direct, and also received one from Colon, Panama, through Guantanamo. The direct message from Cuba to Washington is regarded as a record-breaker. Word was also had from New Orleans, but in a roundabout way, and a message from Key West evidently suffered from a break in the apparatus. The Government stations on the Atlantic coast from Maine southward and on the Gulf coast were all in communication at the same time. Wireless telegraphy is certainly marching on, and the world should be prepared for almost anything in that line. There seems to be no end to the wonderful things science is revealing to the modern world.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Anaconda seems to have found a level place on the way up the Butte hill.

England took an extra holiday yesterday to get the swelling reduced.

If the people of Moscow win they are patriots; if they are crushed they are anarchists.

It may be true that a green Christmas makes a fat churchyard. Certain it is that a ripe one makes a lean purse.

An assistant chief of the Onaga Indians rejoices in the name of John Bacon Rind. Evidently he is not the "whole hog."

Those Santo Domingo statesmen are getting so strenuous it ought to be possible to induce them to take up football in place of revolutions.

What's this! The chorus of the grand opera talking about striking for an eight-hour day and double time for night work!

Perhaps the real explanation is that the Cossacks and revolutionists are merely performing the necessary work of revising the voting lists for the coming election.

An Oregon man has started a movement to subscribe \$800,000 as a wedding present for Miss Roosevelt. That's nice. And we move that Congressman Longworth put up the other \$700,000.

The Hon. John Sharp Williams is enjoying the Christmas recess. He doesn't have to turn around every ten minutes to see whether the followers he is "leading" are still there.

Mr. Roosevelt might follow the example of ex-President Andy Johnson and become U. S. Senator from his State, unless it would involve too much relinquishment of control of the Legislature.

The tall, slim woman is said to be the fashion this season. Perhaps one reason is that she doesn't take as much room in a crowded car as the short, plump woman. Fashion isn't always mere whim.

Mr. Schwab gave a dinner in his unfinished five-million-dollar palace. Hope everybody will have their places finished by New Year's. Can't afford to lose any of our moderately well-to-do citizens by pneumonia.

That movement started by citizens of Eastern Oregon to make Miss Alice Roosevelt a wedding gift of \$800,000 on the occasion of her union with Representative Longworth, of Ohio, by a ten-cent subscription, all over the country, is an insult to an estimable young woman and could only have originated with some vulgar person anxious for notoriety.—Ex.

According to latest accounts Abraham Hummel has been convicted once, rearrested once and bailed twice in the last six or seven days. This makes good business for the courts and the lawyers, but it seems to have seriously sidetracked the main issue in matters of criminal justice, which is to get the criminal into jail.

Admiral Dewey's greeting to the officers and men of the American navy, wherever they might be on duty on Christmas, may have had no precedent in the usage of this country or that of any other. Yet it was a good thing to impart such a stimulus to the spirit of devotion to the service. There would never been any progress if there were no innovations.

Moscow now knows how Warsaw felt many years ago; and the world waits to hear it proclaimed that "order reigns in Moscow," though hoping it will be of a different kind from that of the Polish capital. But one of the misnomers in the case is the danger that lasting animosities will be so aroused that Moscow, Riga, Odessa and many another city will each be practically transformed into a new Warsaw, and a dozen new Polands will be created in various parts of the empire.

It is natural, perhaps, for the brother-in-law of James E. Martin to attribute the latter's death to the carelessness of a chauffeur. But what can be expected of a driver when his employer distinctly instructs him to pass another vehicle which obstructs the view ahead, and at a speed which the employer knows to be both unlawful and dangerous? Obedience or disobedience?

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