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WEATHER REPORT.
 Western Oregon and Western Washington—Increasing cloudiness with light rain near the north coast.

MAYOR WISE'S INAUGURAL.

So far as it goes the initial public address of Mayor Wise is very satisfactory and exhibits a spirit of loyalty to the city and its future that is as commendable as it is certain to be maintained, for despite political differences, the Astorian believes Mr. Wise intends to do his best for the city of which he is now the leading citizen in an official sense. But there are one or two matters that have been let very much alone which were entitled to at least passing notice: Among them, the palpable overdraft of the city on its charter limit of indebtedness, and the correlative steps to be taken for its correction: Another, the reduction of the police force. And still another, the real status of the gambling den and dance hall in this city. These three matters are vital, the lessening of the police force of course, the least important of the trio, just at present, or until something tangible is done with the other two, and all of which should have claimed the expert and immediate attention of the Mayor. There are innumerable regrets abroad that he neglected to touch upon the first and last of these subjects, and it is hoped an expression will soon be had from him in relation to the two gravest topics of municipal concern.

Aside from the points mentioned the Astorian is gratified with the tone and tenor of the inaugural, and Mayor Wise may count upon its cordial support in every non-partisan and disinterested plan and project that he shall bring forward for the momentary, or ultimate, good of the city. There is nothing to stop him from doing his best and utmost for Astoria; he has a council majority of his own; he has the influence of his own good citizenship and successful career closely interwoven with the progress of the community which he serves, behind him; he has a clear field for the exploitation of the largest schemes of public good, and if the year 1906 does not record something distinctly to his credit in an official sense, it will be a marvel of mis-applied opportunity. Good luck to him and to the city!

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The rapid growth of sentiment in favor of municipal ownership of public utilities was strikingly illustrated in the great vote cast for Hearst in New York Municipal ownership was the chief plank in his platform.

This is but one of the many straws which show the way the wind is blowing. In Ohio the Democratic platform on which Pattison was elected Governor calls for municipal ownership of public utilities along with the merit system in the selection of civil servants. These two things should always go hand in hand. And one of the best

ways to get efficient servants is the adoption of the policy of municipal ownership, which makes a reformed civil service needful.

The American people cannot long hesitate between the public ownership of public utilities and corporation ownership of municipal, state and national government. This is the real issue, and it is becoming more sharply defined every day.—Sacramento Bee.

THE BEST SHE HAS.

In sending Viscount Aoki as her first representative to this country under the augmented dignity of Ambassador, Japan has evidently followed the old adage of putting the best foot forward. The viscount ranks high in the diplomatic service of his country, and has held important posts, both at home and abroad. He has twice been Minister of Foreign Affairs, and twice Minister to Germany. He will be Japan's first Ambassador to the United States, she having previously sent Ministers. For some time the new Ambassador served as one of the Mikado's privy council, and his selection is an earnest of the high regard in which America is held by the Rising Sun Empire.

A DOWN-HILL JOB.

Strange how this insurance investigation is affecting the health of some eminent persons, usually those who have been getting liberal salaries or "retainers." The latest victim is David Bennett Hill, who writes the Armstrong Committee that he is not nearly well enough to come to New York to testify. He is in bed "part of the time," but for the rest he is "able to be around," only he doesn't like to risk the long journey. What the committee want to know is what Mr. Hill did to earn the \$5000 annual retainer from the Equitable, which he received for a number of years.

THE LAST STRAW.

More trouble for poor old Russia! The London "Times" correspondent at St. Petersburg fears a clash between the Russian and the German governments on account of the rising in the Baltic provinces, and relations between those powers are said to be strained. It looks as if Nicholas was about to lose his best, and possibly his only, friend among the crowned heads. No doubt Nick would be only too glad to remove the cause for Wilhelm's displeasure, but what can he do? He has his hands more than full. As yet he hasn't asked the Kaiser to lend a hand in putting down the many uprisings in the overgrown empire, though Wilhelm always seems ready for a shindy, judging by the way he talks to his troops.

HE HIT IT.

A clergyman is quoted in "Everybody's Magazine" as confounding an advanced young woman who was demonstrating to him that science had disproved religion, with this little parable. "Madam," he said, "I once knew a member of your sex who perfectly reconciled science and religion. She is a prominent member of the Young Women's Christian Association, and she was making an address to a large gathering of women, which was interrupted by a terrific thunder shower. She shared with many the awful fear of thunder and lightning, and with the others she trembled in silence for a few moments. When a blinding flash was swiftly followed by a frightful clap of thunder, she struggled to her feet and began to pray: 'O Lord, take us under Thy protecting wings, for Thou knowest that feathers are non-conductors.'"

MAN OF VITAL FORCE.

Chancellor Walter B. Hill, of the University of Georgia, who died from pneumonia on Thursday, was a man of marked usefulness to the South and to the whole country. He was one of the leaders in the movement to solve the great and difficult educational problem forced upon the Southern States by their rural conditions and the presence of a vast number of untrained negroes. Persuasive in manner and conciliatory in disposition, he was largely influential in removing prejudice and convincing his people of the necessity of guarding their own civilization and securing their own advancement by liberal and equal provision for schools. His opposition was instrumental in defeating all schemes to starve the negro schools in Georgia by restricting their revenues to taxes paid by negroes, and his voice was potent there and elsewhere in inducing the rural communities to vote large sums in proportion to their wealth for the education of their children. He was a loyal Southerner, true to the traditions of his own people, and working not for the overthrow of Southern ideals, but for their evolution, to give

the South its due intellectual and economic weight in the affairs of the nation and the world.

SAME OLD EXAM.

The college professors have met again and have taken another whack at football that means nothing. Forty-five colleges were represented at the meeting, which speaks well for the interest in the game and the desire to make it clean and wholesome, to say the least. What they actually did, besides talk, was to adopt a resolution to appoint a committee of seven to have something to do with regulating the sport according to another resolution calling for an open game, the elimination of brutal playing, and so forth. Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell and Pennsylvania—leaders in football—were not represented. Now, it being apparent that the work of this conference is not unanimous, what good will it do? Can these colleges play their own game and let the big ones resume next year with the same brutal, but crowd-gathering, exhibition of beef and physical strength? Or cannot the two committees meet and arrive at conclusions that will at least tend to strive for harmony in results!

BUSY AMERICAN.

Though not the first American to advocate electric traction in London, Mr. Yerkes certainly did much to advance the cause there. It is not unlikely that his eyes were opened to the possibilities of the field which the English capital afforded by the success of the Central London tunnel road, which was an entirely new enterprise. The achievement for which Mr. Yerkes will best be remembered in London, perhaps, was the substitution of electricity for steam on the old underground roads, the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District lines, which together constitute a circular system. Before his persuasion proved effective, he found it necessary to purchase a large, if not a controlling, interest in the roads. After that his task was comparatively simple, for in the adoption of the third rail and direct current he closely followed established precedent.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

There can be no doubt as to "Uncle Joe" Cannon's optimism; it has survived the strain of the Speakership.

There seems to be no unwritten law in Santo Domingo which interferes with a President leaving the country.

Dr. Osler has come back to us just in time to find the 1905 edition of old Father Time ready for the chloroform.

Turkey was an all-right bird for Christmas, but any condor will make the stock feast for New Year's.

Boston's Jerome, District Attorney Moran, is making it a long distance between hotels where the Bostonian may quenck his thirst.

The correspondent who wants to telephone "a horrible story" from St. Petersburg these days generally finds "Central" busy.

Young Mr. Hyde sailed for Europe with the consciousness that he made a better witness than some, even though he is a pretty thin excuse for an insurance man.

Honolulu banks send their surplus

cash to sea to avoid tax assessment on it on January 1. That species of financing is always likely to encounter shipwreck.

A stone effigy of his Satanic majesty has been carted away ignominiously from its pedestal in front of an Ypsilanti man's house; but there is yet no convincing evidence that the Old Nick himself has been dethroned in Michigan or in any part of the country.

When Mayor McClellan said yesterday, "I am a Democrat," he added nothing to popular knowledge. He should have specified his particular preference among the sixty-seven varieties.

It may be noted for the encouragement of the fearsome men of today that Charles T. Yerkes, who died yesterday, began his long and successful business career with a complete and disastrous failure.—Ex.

High praise must be accorded the railroads which never gave rebates, are now going to stop entirely giving them, and will report on one another to the government when they give them in the future.

The demonstration of the virtues of the steam turbine recently given by the Carmania is said to have inspired orders for the construction of similar engines for service on the Great Lakes. No such influence was exerted by the arrival in America two or three years ago of a little passenger boat which was to run on Lake Ontario and for which Mr. Parsons supplied the motive machinery. What makes the performance of the new Cunard steamship so convincing is her size. She is much larger than any vessel that is likely to be found within the next ten years on the great inland seas of America.

OCEAN LINER DELAYED

Barnacles Impeded Her Progress Across the Atlantic.

This was the excuse recently given by the officers of a big ocean liner which reached her destination three days overdue. The power was there, but her progress was retarded by the barnacles which had gathered on the bottom and sides of this great vessel.

In referring to the matter our local druggist, Charles Rogers, remarked, "This instance has a parallel case in the field of medicine. It is old-fashioned cod liver oil, which contains medicinal properties capable of splendid work as a body-building, strength-creating medicine, yet on account of the system-clogging, greasy oil which it contains, its medicinal powers is impeded and its value lost.

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