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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington - Light rain

DUE IN ASTORIA.

There are several things due in Astoria, by sheer right of absolute fitness and the will of the people to have them. There's that Astoria-Tillamook railroad; and the seawall between the Tongue and Smith's Point; and earthen thoroughfares, and a line of public Parks along the backbone of the peninsula; and a superb hotel for the globe-trotters; and the dredger Chinook on the bar all summer; and the finest band between San Francisco and Victoria; and a few more bagatelles of the sort. The mere assumption that these things are needed will have its weight but we, the people, have got to go after them, and go with square jaws and indomitable purpose to attain them. We must invoke the Astoria initiative. It's here, alright, and it must be found and put to work. There is a morsel of it right in this office, and it shall be used to lighten the "whole lump" as fast as it can be applied. The Astorian is Astorian. And Astoria must be equally Astorian. The Astoria-habit must be cultivated to its last and best resource.

GETTING INTO THE OPEN.

Now is the season for the man who "never had an aspiration for office in his life" to get out into the open and, at the "earnest solicitation of a host of friends who will not be denied," announce himself as a candidate for the electoral franchises of his community for the office of "general overseer of the public good," and proceed, "absolutely against his will" to boost himself into the coveted place. It is strange how men will hand out great gobs of personal disincarnation for public life at such times as these, and do it with the ordained conviction that every soul knows they are simply pining for office and its emoluments and privileges and dignities and prestige. Bah! Why not be honest with yourself and the people and come squarely to the front and say what you want and why you want it and show yourself worthy of confidence. Happily, Astoria has none of these humbugs. We are all straight-forward down here. Democrats included!

The South is entering upon her third "fat" year. Five more like the two just passed will place the South in position to withstand a long siege of "lean" years, although there are no reasons for apprehension. But in these fat years should we not make provision for necessities to great progress and enlightenment? More and better school-houses, more and better teachers, and opportunity to every child to learn to read and write—insist upon these things now, and in the future the youth will gather more in the "fat" years and lose less in the "lean" years.—Columbia (S. C.) State.

Miss Helen Gould, with the intelligent assistance of Miss Elizabeth Altman, annually disburses \$500,000 in charity. Probably Miss Gould supports directly and indirectly more charities than any person living.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A girl may be named Pearl and still be a "peach".

Even the Stock sometimes gets tired of working overtime.

Old blood is thin and runs slowly; give the old folks the warmest nook in the chimney corner.

Love is a nightmare with one foot. Two children with one bun. Two turnips with a single root. Two cabbage heads in one.

For every baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cramer at Eldorado, Iowa, the father of the husband gives the family \$1000. They have twelve children now.

Expulsions of obstreperous persons from the White House could be avoided by having a cell there to lock them in.

A collision of battleships in New York harbors shows us the grim terrors of peace that concern the navy.

By the personal tax list we find out not how much a man is worth, but how little he is worth.

Heifers require a larger amount of feed for the production of milk than do older cows.

"It takes money to make the mare go," says the old proverb, but a good mother cow makes the money come with her milk flow.

It is discovered that thousands of residents of Chicago are sun worshippers. The rest of them just continue to accelerate their pace after the 888.

Pennsylvania is to have two extra sessions of its legislature this year. This looks like a case of reform taking, and taking hard.

While the general public is not afraid of stock speculation at these figures, a few burglars continue to work on safe ventures.

The United States Senator who called Governor Vardaman "despicable" has not been chased out of Mississippi yet with a piece of a broken chair. Can it be that Vardaman has gone back?

Historically speaking, of course, Mr. Abraham Lincoln signed an Emancipation Proclamation solely in his capacity as press agent for a great dramatic work by the Rev. Tom Divon.

The country thinks as much of Mr. Bryant it is a little anxious what effect it may have upon him to have to listen to so many Bryanite speeches in the Philippines.

New York has adopted an amendment to the state constitution authorizing an expenditure of \$50,000,000 on road improvement throughout the state.

It is estimated that between 550,000 and 600,000 tons of beef, mutton and lamb will have to be imported into Great Britain to keep the markets supplied.

American farms support, in round numbers according to the agricultural department statistics two hundred million bearing apple trees, which produce now an average of one hundred and seventy-six million bushels.

Ex-Governor Black sighs for the good old times of "the port and cider variety of politics that farmers understand." Does the ex-Governor refer to the hard or the sweet variety of cider?

In California the wage-earning for women is solved by the fruit. She begins with the cherries, that ripen in May, and is kept busy most of the time until late in the fall.

A boy's best friend is his mother, and the boy who endeavors to pay back what he owes his mother, is the one who will be most sought after by the people who are worth while, and be apt to make the most successful life.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, has stirred up her million or more followers by putting a ban on the giving of Christmas gifts and discouraging personal congratulations on the occasion of the yuletide.

Dr. Parkhurst says Police Commissioner Bingham is no gentleman. He swears, and no gentleman swears. Pahaw, good doctor. The criticism is hasty. Wait until the commissioner has combined the vocabulary of "the force" with the vocal fireworks of the army and then tell us.

The Chicago inventor and mechanic who says he will start from that city at 6 o'clock, April 23, and in the evening deliver into the hands of President Roosevelt a message from Mayor Dunne talks interestingly and plausibly of his proposed flying machine. They all talk that way.

Talking across the Atlantic between London and New York is one of the alluring possibilities of the future held out by scientists. Such prognostications are valuable in stimulating invention and also as demonstrating that the scientific imagination is still in good working order.

Mrs. Roosevelt has one well-developed hobby and that is the collecting of old china. Under her supervision one of the most valuable collections in this country has been placed on exhibition in the basement of the white house, and it is a proud day when she can add something of historic worth to the treasures.

It is the duty of all parents to see that their children are taught from their babyhood to take proper care of their wearing apparel; for the child who lets her clothes drop off her and lie in a heap on the floor invariably grows into the careless, untidy woman with whom we are so familiar.

A newspaper for engaged couples is the novel innovation in Swiss journalism. The first edition of this new journal states that the object of the paper is to supply a list of engaged couples to tradesmen for business purposes. There appear to be 12,000 engaged couples in Switzerland and their names and addresses are given in the paper.

An Indiana farmer has shown a thing or two about the utility of the auto. His gasoline engine broke down and left him in the lurch for power for some of the most necessary daily duties of carrying on the place. It did not take him long to "make good" with his auto, which he harnessed to his corn sheller, and to the pump which supplies the barns, etc. That teaches that the auto is not a luxury any more, but a necessity. His ordinary engine would not do his running to town.

ANCIENT ENTERTAINMENT.

Description of One Given by Xenophon's Army of Greeks.

In his "Anabasis" Xenophon describes an entertainment given by his army of Greeks on the shores of the Black sea during the retreat from Persia after the battle of Cunaxa, about twenty-three centuries ago. "Two Thracians first rose up," says the soldier historian, "and danced with their arms to the sound of a flute. They capered very high and with great agility, then made use of their swords. At last one of them struck the other in such a manner that every one thought he had killed him, but the stroke was given with art. The other, having despoiled him of his arms, went out singing a song of triumph. Then other Thracians carried off the man as if he had been dead, though indeed he was not hurt. After this some Eubians and Magnesians rose up and danced in their arms what they called the carpean dance, the manner of which is as follows: One of them, having laid down his arms, sows and drives a yoke of oxen, looking often behind him, as if he were afraid. Then a robber approaches, whom the other perceiving, he catches up his arms and, advancing, fights with him in defense of his oxen. All this these men performed in time to the flute. At last the robber binds the plowman and carries him off with the oxen. Sometimes the plowman overcomes the robber and, fastening him to the oxen, ties his hands behind him and so drives him away.

"After this Mysus entered with a buckler in each hand and danced sometimes as if he had been engaged with two adversaries, then used his bucklers as if engaged with only one. Sometimes he whirled round, then threw himself head foremost and fell on his feet without parting with his bucklers. This made a fine sight. Last of all he danced the Persian dance, striking his bucklers against each other and in dancing fell on his knees, then sprung up again, and in all this he kept time to the flute. He was succeeded by some Mantineans and other Arcadians, who, being dressed in the handsomest armor they could provide, rose up and advanced in time to a flute that played a martial air. They sang the psalm and danced in the same manner that is practiced in solemn processions.

"On this one of the Arcadians led forth a woman dancer, dressed handsomely and carrying a light buckler. She danced the Pyrrhic dance with great ability, on which there was great applause. That caused the Paphlagonians who were present to ask whether the woman also charged with the troops. Then the Greeks said that it was the women who drove King Artaxerxes out of the camp. This was the end of that night's entertainment." —Chicago News.

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