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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington - Rain; gale along coast.

ANOTHER EXPEDIENT AT HAND

The Democratic municipal administration of the City of Astoria is up against a hard problem in making the ends of the financial string meet and knit, so that no deficiency may be encountered at the end of 1906: And it presumed that any and all suggestions to this end will be thankfully received by those responsible for the necessary balance.

A friend at our elbow makes a happy suggestion that if taken in time will obviate a great deal of uneasiness on the part of city officials: He says, considering the undeniable profits incident to the slot-machines as they are run in Astoria, (something like \$20,000 a year,) the city might as well buy the whole caboodle and rent them out to those that want to use them in their business, on the same basis of rental, charging no license fees, but simply dividing the income and netting the city a handsome revenue each year. There is meat in this proposition. The city has as much right to this extraordinary profit as a private citizen has, and it would go further in public than private hands. Besides, the city is wholly committed to the "wide open town" policy so that the governmental staff need feel no hesitancy nor disinclination in going ahead with it. The sooner it is put in operation, the sooner one of their troubles will be settled for good and all. It has the sanction of constitutional law as applied in South Carolina in the public dispensary act for the selling of liquor.

There is only one thing that must be rigidly attended to by the municipal owners, and that is that no plugged machines be allowed to run: The city will be expected to run them on the square, and its profits will be ample even on the straight machine hypothesis. Just imagine the chief of police and his men making a circuit every morning with a treasury wagon, flitting from door to door, gathering up bushels of nickels and hauling them to the city vaults! And the proposition is so entirely within the scope and purpose of the Democrats, so intimately applicable to their "wide open" policy that it will not shock nor disconcert them in the least to undertake its operation.

The sooner, the better; for the present owner of the valuable franchise may run his price up to prohibitive figures and thus spoil a very adventurous investment for the municipality.

"BETWEEN TWO STOOLS."

The present city government of Astoria went into office upon a double deal of the rankest sort: They told the respectable element of the city they were NOT in favor of an "open town": They told the sporting element they WERE in favor of a "wide open town": They have been break-

ing their hearts, and their record for adroit circumlocution, ever since: And the "dickens" of it is, they are fooling nobody, and getting deeper, day by day, in the middle of their own chicanery. The nastiest, pettiest gambling evil of the day is foisted upon the town, as a sequence of their avowed "open town" views, and no word of protest is heard, officially or unofficially; they, apparently, dare not interfere, for the "man behind the machines" will not relinquish his long-coveted and precious reward for political boosting in November and December and will give them a run for his prestige that will make them look like "thirty-cents" before it is over. They are "between two stools" with a vengeance, and it is the vengeance they are fearing now.

SOMETHING WRONG, SOMEWHERE.

It seems, after all, that the "Sugar Trust" had no "watermelon" to be cut at its annual meeting, the unusual effort of the management to secure a large attendance of stockholders having for its apparent purpose merely a demonstration of the majority's desire that the smaller shareholders shall participate actively and interestedly in the corporation's conduct. This is a very encouraging sign. But may the unanimous passage of the following resolution be fairly regarded as a confession: "That any information that the directors may see fit to give out be furnished to all the stockholders alike, and that special information be not given to individual stockholders." Perhaps none of the five, ten and fifty-share stockholders who were present or represented at this meeting had ever suspected that there has been any discrimination by the management in giving out Sugar "tips"—but they can't help believing it now; and they are themselves duly recorded as voting for this unlooked-for reform resolution.—N. Y. Exchange.

NO MORE SECRECY.

"Divorce without publicity," the tempting bait which lawyers who make a specialty of loosening the hymeneal knot have long held out to those who, for one reason or other, desire a severance of the marriage relation with husband or wife, has received a severe blow from the judges of the Allegheny County Court, in Pennsylvania, in their decision that in future no divorces will be granted secretly. All papers must be filed openly, and all hearings must be public. This does not necessarily mean that lovers of scandal will be enabled to enjoy what they consider a rare treat in the way of scandalous testimony, for the court can easily regulate that by excluding persons who it deems are there for idle curiosity and the satisfaction of their prurient craving. That this measure will have a tendency to check the ready resort to this method of getting rid of one partner for the sake of taking up with a new one, as is too often the case in "high life," is quite probable. Some other courts might do well to follow suit.

"THE ETERNAL QUESTION."

The problem of labor on the Panama Canal seems not yet to be solved. It was thought the Chinese were the ideal laborers, from what experts told us, but there seems to be some objection to them, it is said, on the part of the native Panamans, who resemble the historic "Sons of Rest of Lemon Hill," who "never worked and never will." At any rate, the commission is said to be about to make the experiment of hiring labor from the north of Spain. It will be an experiment indeed, for there seems to be no record of that sort of people ever doing any work on this continent. The early arrivals from Spain usually managed to make the Indians work, as long as the red men lasted. Then they drew upon the coast of Guinea for laborers.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

As might have been expected, the Democratic Governor of Ohio impresses upon his Republican Legislature the principle that we want to do everything in a strict non-partisan way.

Presumably it will be easy to fill the chairmanship of the cities committee, provided there is the usual number of statesmen who are qualified by reason of never having lived in one.

One's respect for Piner's wit increases with each new presentation of comedy on our boards this season. He once defined comedy as farce written by a deceased author.

If we may judge from the local accounts of the Breathitt, Ky., conditions, the balls, prayer meetings and armistices promises to reduce the death-rate among the armed belligerents.

The United States consumes one-fourth of all the sugar produced in the world. No wonder our disposition is a matter of envy.

The confidence of the world in Russia's present policy will be measured by the readiness of the response for a loan.

An exchange avers that only a doctor or a dentist can repair some typewriters. Oh we don't know; a new ribbon and an attachment have been known to work wonders.

With Vesuvius and Etna in eruption and a shake-up expected at Aleciras, Europe is not without topics of interest as the days begin to lengthen.

The Massachusetts Legislature is wrestling with a "Scigliano bill." Some of those old Puritan names look strange in print nowadays.

Up to yesterday, it seems, there was a Rough Rider who had not got a medal, which shows how slow the government sometimes is.

Randolph Hearst is also among the slayers of mountain lions. Doubtless practising for the more strenuous sport of tiger killing. In that respect more power to his marksmanship.

The Providence "Journal" is at a loss, apparently, to determine whether the perjury of the midshipmen at Annapolis is the perjury of gentlemen, or just ordinary plain perjury.

Lewis Nixon has a very high opinion of Czar Nicholas, and seems to think all the rest of us are mistaken in our estimates of him. But then, we have not all of us ship contracts with the little father.

Two children going with their nurse to meet their father coming from the station saw some one in the distance who looked like their father, but who turned out to be a stranger. "Here tums dada," exclaimed the smaller one. "No," returned the elder child, "don't be silly. That's not dada. That's a gentleman."

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