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WEATHER.

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"DAMNING WITH FAINT PRAISE."

The Astorian some weeks ago said what it thought about the Portland Oregonian and its supremely selfish policy of ignoring, or combatting, the lesser communities of the State, in behalf of the metropolitan interests. Yesterday the Oregonian replied to the strictures, and alleges that it has done infinitely more for the State at large than all the other newspapers in the commonwealth put together; and recites some of its special services for, and toward, this city. Well, we have yet to see anything, with our own eyes, that it is to be credited with in behalf of this city. Some years ago it did write a couple of well-disposed articles on Astoria and her then projected railroad to Goble and Portland, but took them back in a few days and wrote enough afterward to utterly obliterate any good effect due to the original editorials. This it did at the bidding of the big corporation of which its great editor was then a director, and from that day to this it has done nothing for Astoria.

It claims it is doing a lot for this town just now by fostering and urging the work at jetties, but there is no one on the hither side of the O. S. I. A., at Salem, that thinks for an instant it is doing this for Astoria. It is all for Portland and Portland alone. If it did not use its prestige in this relation it would lose what commercial fleet it now has operating out of the city it represents. There is no thought of Astoria in its anxiety for deeper water on the Columbia river bar. Permanent deep water over that barrier is the bane of the Oregonian's existence, for with that attained it fears the superb natural advantages of this city, as a terminal point. Forty feet of water on the bar would give an impetus to Astoria that a hundred feet of river channel hence to Portland could not overcome nor check.

This paper knows what is due the Oregonian as a great paper and will always acknowledge it; but when it claims to be the friend and arbiter of other communities in the state, except where the hopes and aims of those sections contribute in some pronounced manner to the wealth and progress of Portland, we are but one sheet in a hundred throughout Oregon to trankly and promptly deny it.

If the Oregonian was such a devoted friend to the whole state and its communal industries why did it fight so long and grimly against the common point rate on lumber at this and a half hundred other milling points in Oregon, and only yield when the Northern Pacific in Washington was forced to its knees? Why does it not fight the same unjust discrimination now existing on grain-stuffs and their milling centers

in the State, and on every other line of merchantable goods in commercial transit!

The Oregonian's strong card is "damning with faint praise," but it does not wash with us. We need, and want, what is due us, and it is going to come our way. Portland and the Oregonian to the contrary notwithstanding.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE.

Local initiative is a positive asset. It should be among the municipal effects of Astoria. Portland has it in abundance, as becomes a metropolis; and it is what has made her a metropolis. Pluck is an essential and nerve is its handmaiden. These three qualities are at the bottom of Portland's fast increasing system of local railways and suburban connections. A few snappy citizens there have figured out the expediency and value of these several ventures, secured franchises, advertised the matters brought them to the notice of moneyed Easterners, with the invariable result that they have been brought to full fruition. These same snappy citizens have gotten their share of the developed projects without the investment of a dollar of their own capital (so to speak), and the rule of such profit is not peculiarly indigenous to Portland, either. Astoria might do something on the same lines if she had the initiative that she ought to have. She has business talent and business money in abundance; all she needs is the "savvy" to use both for her own development. Think it over!

IS GRAFT GENERAL.

Rev. William Jones, an Unitarian minister in Oakland, preached a most remarkable sermon last Sunday, saying among other things: "The business man of average or even extraordinary ability, prosecuting business under ordinary conditions, cannot gather what men today call fortune without theft, robbery or injustice."

Now isn't that a terrible indictment of twentieth century life in the United States? And the worst of it is that it is just about true. Especially is it true in the large centers of population where commercial greed is the one dominating passion and rules men's brains and hearts.

When men can sit in their pews of a Sunday and complacently hear of a man who practices every day a week and never twice things have come to a sorry pass. There needs to be a better public conscience and it is to be hoped that the publicity being shed upon graft in business in politics and in government, all over the country will have its effect in correcting some of the abuses from which society suffers.—Santa Rosa Republican.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

The election of a French President is a solemnity of which it may amiably be said it pleases the French and does not often harm any one else. Having parliamentary government there, it is appropriate that the parliament shall designate the functionary who is to embody the dignity of the French people. It happens in the present instance that the new president is chiefly known for characteristics which make his election particularly pleasing to other nations. He is reputed to be opposed to undue exaltation of the military function of the state and to sensational brilliancy in foreign relations. As a manifestation of the temper of the legislature, the choice of the safe, conservative kind of man comes at a happy moment when the powers are in conference at Algiers over concerns which touch closely the colonial interests of France. While the Morocco conference will doubtless have adjourned before M. Fallieres goes to the Elysee a month from now, the election itself should be as strong an aid to cordiality there as the new presidency will be a promise of amicable relations everywhere during its term.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A good, brief epitaph for Marshal Field would be: He paid his taxes.

Those who lose are sure to sour on their luck; lemons, for instance, drop ped a dollar this week.

France shows us a good example in the absence of furore over the election of a President.

The fact that New York, famous for the number and excellence of its hotels, is so crowded with buyers and visitors that even an ex-president applies for a room in vain is one of many indications that the country is remarkably prosperous.

Uncle Sam will come out all right at Panama. He has plenty of optimism as well as money.

It is said that the pacification of a datto is difficult, but possible. That is where he differs from a mugwump.

Mr. Bryan's popularity among the Moros is another example of his ability to get applause rather than votes.

A railroad is to be built into Death valley, a region which danger makes almost as fascinating as the north pole.

Since January 1, over 1500 laborers have left Jamaica to work on the Panama canal. That looks like business.

The real problem of the South: How to rid the South of the ranting fanatics of the type of the perpetrator of "The Clansman."

Ben Franklin is receiving merited attention, but that isn't the benjamin that interests most persons as the weather grows colder.

Vesuvius is on the rampage, but not scattering things as widely as the invitation of oil representatives to the witness stand.

Crazy Snake, the Creek chief, objects to having his tribal relations severed. Separation means that the firewater will be dissipated.

Experience at home with the African in the woodpile is not calculated to make American bankers yearn for any real estate in Morocco.

Mobil has no faith in gossamer theories, but concludes that as strawberries have already arrived, the season may be called mild.

A steamship has left Palermo with 800 Italian immigrants to be landed at New Orleans. The opportunities in the southwest have at last been discovered.

In distributing complimentary among the Moros, Mr. Bryan might have borrowed the formula of Artemus Ward: Admit the bearer and one wife.

The back counties count for much in England. A defeated leader can go to them for an immediate second trial, with the absolute assurance of a walk-over.

Senator Rayner of Maryland lays down the principal that "The flag does not follow a contract." Promoters of international debt can govern themselves accordingly.

Mr. Debs is said to have gone to New York "to fan the flames of the proletarian revolution." Mr. Hearst has sought the other corner of the country to hunt mountain lions. The range of statesmanship in these times is extensive.

The representative of the Sultan of Morocco asks of the international conference, "Why don't you hold a conference on Russia and establish order there?" Really, those Moors are becoming impertinent.

The president of a small college in the southwest is making himself conspicuous by his failure to state that he "desires to correct those annoying rumors that he is to succeed to President Harper's vacant chair at the University of Chicago."

If the Democrats vote solidly with the fifty-seven Republicans who voted against the Philippine tariff bill, the joint Statehood bill will be beaten. But as only fourteen Democrats stood with the revolting Republicans on the Philippine question, the prospect is not bright for their lining up in the defense of the rights of Arizona and New Mexico.

Colonel Jack Chin, famous in "The dark and bloody ground" of the blue grass, now says that he never carried a pistol or took a human life. It was his name, it seems, that inspired terror and respect. Now that the colonel has confessed he is not a fire eater, he may be compelled to "tote" a pistol to insure a continuation of the consideration which he has always received.

Referring to the current proposal that other nations be asked to join the United States in neutralizing the Philippine Islands whenever this country sets them up in independence, it is our impression that our government has on several occasions hitherto positively and emphatically refused to be associated with other powers in such guarantees concerning other territories. The story of our relations with Cuba and Colombia contains some suggestive precedents.

Ohio's new governor is in favor of saving the state's canal system from the promoters who have been long trying to despoil them in private speculations. The predatory class looks on a state government as awfully easy.

DR. J. E. ENNIS

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