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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain along coast.

TO SAVE FORT CLATSOP.

Every man, woman and child, whose destinies are interwoven with the future of Astoria and Clatsop county, either by birth and family ties, or by adaptation of the individual, or family, to this section, by the building and maintenance of the home here, has a strong, inherent claim upon the glory of old Fort Clatsop, the landmark, par excellence, of this whole northwest; and the people of this city, county and state along with the neighbors on the north, should leave no stone unturned, to preserve the splendid monument of Astoria's earliest history, for the comfort and prideful sentiment of generations to come.

The Historical Society of Oregon is deeply interested in the project of saving, beautifying and maintaining the famous old site, with the ultimate purpose of acquiring, and parking the 100 acres lying immediately about it, and rendering it a resort of distinction and historical prominence, and time and the mutations of congressional favor may accomplish all that is sought.

A memorial, looking to an adequate appropriation along these lines, is now in the hands of Senator Fulton and the powers at Washington that have to do with the granting and denying of appropriations; and while the news from there in this behalf, is a bit discouraging for the present session, fruition may come with another term and the grateful privilege be awarded for the restoration and preservation of this historic spot of earth.

Every grain of influence, public and private; every atom of interest at home, and abroad; every scintilla of prestige with congress, should be employed, constantly and methodically, to the attainment of federal assistance in the maintenance of one of the great outposts that helped amazingly in the construction of the very federation from which the aid is sought.

California has saved and parked and made lovely and attractive all her historical buildings and grounds, wrought by her own American argonauts and sons, or inherited from the Mexicans with her acquisition; and if California can do these things, Oregon must do them. Every Oregonian is under the obligation imposed by his birthright to take a deep and active interest in this matter.

WOMEN TOO LENIENT.

'We want the women of this country to set a higher standard of respectability for men,' declared Judge William M. McEwen in an address before the Chicago Woman's club the other day. 'At present the women are too lenient toward and too forgiving of bad conduct.'

Judge McEwen was discussing the possibilities of reducing crime in the United States, and his suggestion that the men be held to a stricter code of

morals was greeted with applause by the club women.

'The crime we have most to fear,' said the speaker, 'come from morbid conditions in men and boys who have been deprived by drink, vice and drugs. We must try to check them by working among the younger generation. Every father should make a companion and a confidant of his boy in order that the information about the functions and duties of life which he acquired shall not come from polluted sources.'

HOW MUCH IS SHE WORTH?

If a man has the misfortune to lose his wife, and there is no member of the family to take her place, he begins to realize that a house-keeper is a costly luxury.

Besides, the first expense of her weekly earnings, there will be a vast difference in the cost of running the house for, without a personal interest, many of the little economies of housekeeping will not be practised.

A word to the wise is sufficient. How much is your wife worth to you, leaving sentiment entirely out of the question? Is she worth a washing machine, a bread-mixer, a clothes wringer, a nice carriage and a safe horse, or a few loving words every day?

SUCKING DOVE SOCIALIST.

Jack London is in Chicago, and the usual riot has broken out. What we like about Jack is that he is so quiet and restful. Some of these socialist writers and speakers are noisy and rampant, but Jack's voice is ever soft, gentle and low, an excellent thing in a Socialist, and he loves peace and quietude.—Chicago Evening Post.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

With his eye on the future, Uncle Russel Sage notes that a good straw hat can now be bought for 50 cents.

Miss Anna B. Chamion of Byron, Ill., is a candidate for the Republican nomination for county superintendent of schools of Ogle county.

Annual reports of the Philippines Commission are dry reading now that the bolomen of the district of Boston have been pacified.

The motto of Hoke Smith's organ is, 'The Journal covers Georgia like the dew,' but it is inferable from the remarks of the 'Atlanta Constitution' that if Smith gets the Governorship Georgia will be covered with mildew.

By commission or otherwise, to increase general confidence in the clarity hospitals will always be desirable, so long as many of the sick prefer to suffer rather than go to them.

The beef trust is claiming immunity from prosecution by virtue of a promise made by Commissioner Garfield. It should be remembered that Mr. Garfield was young then and that he took a rather vealy view of trust matters.

Five of Indiana's fifteen representatives in congress were born in Ohio so were Oliver P. Morton, Thomas E. Hendricks, Benjamin Harrison and Vice-President Fairbanks. But the Hoosiers say: 'What about literature, ah!'

Mr. Langworth is good-natured in saying it is too strenuous to come to New York with a young lady and be jostled, gazed at, pointed out and koddled. A good many things happen here that recent residents don't like to admit is New York.

It is said that Germans and Hollanders set a better table than the Americans, and in France the table d'hote is famous the world over, and yet the French woman burns scarcely more than a handful of coals. The American woman will light her fire and boil beets three hours, she will keep her stove in full blast for a morning's baking, and she will use up her tissues and her nerves, consume fuel, waste money, and all with the idea that she is economical. The French woman, patronizes a delicatessen, she puts out her ham to boil and her corned beef likewise, her puddings and the meats are taken somewhere else to finish the baking and roasting process. She saves time, fuel, wear and tear by this process, while her sisters, the American are failed at forty, and all from baking and broiling over a hot broiling stove.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Hitchcock, in his annual report made public recently, says that the low salaries paid clerks in first and second-class postoffices is decreasing the standard of efficiency. It is impossible he says, to induce efficient men to enter this branch of the service at \$600 per year. Over 1,500,000 cases of alleged indecent and scurrilous matter received attention during the year, says the report. In the summer the influx of offensive pictorial post cards became so

great as to call for a special order by the department looking to the abatement of the nuisance. As a result of this order many thousands of objectionable cards have been withdrawn from the mails by postmasters and forwarded to the department for destruction.

A lady received the following reply from a neighbor in answer to the question why she allowed her children and husband to litter up every room in the house, and the sentiment will find lodgment in the heart of every home-loving person in the land. 'The mark of the little muddy feet upon the floor can be easier removed than the stain when those little feet go down into the high-ways of evil. The prints of the little fingers on the window pane cannot shut out the sunshine half so much as the shadow that darkens the mother's heart over the one who is but a name through the coming years. And if my John finds his home a refuge from care and trouble and his greatest happiness within its four walls, he can put his boots in the rocking chair, and hang his coat up on the floor every day in the week. And if I can stand it and he enjoys it, I cannot see that it is anybody else's business.'

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. A. Hawkins of Ilwaco was in town yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Prael have returned from a trip to California.

Captain and Mrs. Reed are visit a short time at Gearhart Park.

Charles Stockton of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

A. J. Rhodes of Winlock was in the city yesterday for a brief time.

Mrs. Captain Ingram of Cathlamet was an Astoria visitor yesterday.

Mrs. David West of Cathlamet spent yesterday in the city with friends.

R. W. Mook of Canby spent yesterday in the city transacting business.

Thomas Dorvis of Cathlamet, was in the city yesterday transacting business.

Mrs. M. Welch of Portland is visiting a short time with friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pow of Rainier were visitors in the city yesterday for a brief time.

Captain A. M. Simpson of San Francisco was in town yesterday for a business visit.

F. W. Lobdell of Santa Rosa, Cal., was in the city yesterday for a short visit.

Justice Munley, of Portland, was a business visitor in Astoria, yesterday. He returned to Portland on the evening express.

Frang Howe, the well known "gunman," was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. Arthur Crockett has returned from Skamokawa after a short visit with friends.

Frank Howe of San Francisco arrived in Astoria yesterday to remain a few days on business.

George L. Parks, a resident of Rainier was in the city yesterday for a brief visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson of Skamokawa spent yesterday in the city on a short shopping trip.

General Manager J. C. Mayo, of the A. & C. railway, is visiting Albany, on business for the company.

George Taylor, traveling passenger agent for the Wisconsin Central, is in Astoria, in the interests of his road.

POLITICAL COLUMN. Announcements of candidates for office will be published in this column at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

FOR GOVERNOR. Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th. JAMES WITCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans. F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR STATE PRINTER. The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for re-nomination for State Printer at the forthcoming primaries. J. R. WHITNEY.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th. J. H. ACKERMAN.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL. The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries. A. M. CRAWFORD.

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