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WEATHER.

- Western Washington, Western Oregon—Rain.
Eastern Washington—Rain or snow.
Eastern Oregon—Cloudy and threatening.

ESSENTIALLY VALUABLE

Astoria has a very definite interest in the success of the Heyburn Pure Food bill now being considered by Congress, and pending in the Senate. Among its hundred, or more, sensible and wholesome provisions, is one that requires that no goods on the American market shall enter the trade of the country under any other label than the one that belongs upon it; in other words, inferior stuff shall not go out under false pretenses to befuddle and swindle the ordinary buyer; that staple goods shall reach the retail consumer under legitimate brands and save him the imposition and deliberate "hold-up" of buying something cheap and ordinary at a prime-goods price. This city and section is famous the wide-world over as the habitat and marketing source for the finest salmon in existence; and the law in question will compel the Royal Chinook fish to appear in its own palatable shape, with the Puget Sound and Alaska products similarly labeled, so the public shall know just what it is getting and paying for; and salmon is but one of a hundred thousand other specialties amenable to the same treatment. All this, of course, being dependable upon the structure of the bill itself. If it shall be so drawn as to preclude evasion and withstand contest and be invulnerable against the wiles of the American wholesaler who indulges in devious methods, well and good; but if it shall not be the efficacious law it is presumed to be, then it were better left alone. But the presumption is wholly in its favor at present.

QUITE METROPOLITAN

Who says Astoria is behind the swing of the age? Hasn't she got two departmental investigations in full play, and some to come? Hasn't she just deposed one of her city officials? Hasn't she got four live improvement clubs? And a fine skating rink popularly patronized? She may need a few bagatelles such as a modern hostelry, a seawall, an electric motor line to Seaside and Fort Stevens, a brass band, a municipal park, and a transcontinental terminal; but these are all on the way, some of them in plain sight, and the dust of the others rising on the horizon. Astoria's all right!

ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDED

There are indubitable signs about the city that the improvement clubs are taking hold of the work they have cut out for themselves, and the City of Astoria can congratulate herself on the possession of such agencies as these in the maintenance of her civic cleanliness. But the city must be very careful that she does not lie idly by and permit the notion to get abroad that she is relying on her "clean-up clubs," to do ALL the work of municipal sprucing. She must give governmental assurance that she appreciates the work of her citizens, done on their own initiative, and require her street department to do its share, and give that department enough laborers to make good on the proposition. The improvement clubs are entitled to, and are receiving, encouragement on all sides.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Then, again, perhaps some of those Congressman looked at their expired railroad passes and really enjoyed doing their duty.

It is strange so many people have to come back to report on the Panama canal, in view of the fact that conditions down there do not seem to change appreciably.

When the Democratic senators caucus, a member in the minority is not even the ninth part of a man. He may think "No," but the two-thirds rule makes him vote "Yes" on pain of party excommunication.

Mr. Lawson seems to be quite anxious to shift the responsibility of regulating the insurance business upon the broad shoulders of Governor Cummins. Lawson can lay magnificent plans, but he is weak in execution.

Senator Tillman declares that he admires the character of Abraham Lincoln. What he would have said in 1861 can be imagined. Perhaps another forty years would mellow his present opinions of Republicanism.

One of the beverages dispensed in Indian Territory is popularly known as "uno." When a famished Cherokee darts behind the prescription case and calls for "uno" the requisition is understood to mean firewater.

Somehow the public can't help having a god deal of confidence in Patrick Dolan, the mine workers' official, who presides at conventions with a pipe in his mouth. A man can't say many excitable things so long as he keeps puffing steadily on a pipe.

It is to be feared that the allegation that this is a frivolous era and that frivolous papers pander to the frivolous, has received added weight from the fact that the pictorialized antics of a small boy and a dog can be made the basis of a serious suit for \$50,000 damages, with the usual injunction trimmings. No more "Buster Brown."

Between London and Omaha dispatches the world was given its weekly Sunday scare. This time it was another Boxer uprising in China. It evidently will not do for the government arms supply corral at Omaha to work nights without taking the alarmist correspondents into its confidence.

Planting the American flag in the frozen regions of the North on some great and only suspected continent "more stirs to rouse a lion than to start a hare." Nevertheless there are other things that Uncle Sam needs more than Arctic flag crops.

The telephone monopoly jollier has struck a snag in Chicago, and the new scale of rates, showing alleged reductions and offered in exchange for a new franchise, simply excites ribald laughter. Examination of the books of the company and comparison of the schedule with rates in other cities are suggested to the company as a corrective of its proposition. As an alternative it is hinted that the company might stand aside entirely; that extortion is not essential to business.

Mr. Longworth occupies a class of his own in the valentine line this season.

The future Senator Roosevelt will make things lively enough for some future President.

The Alice Roosevelt wedding department has been succeeded in the frivol press by the White House Wedding Gift Attie.

In the eclipse the moon "changed from dull copper to old gold." What has happened to silvery Luna?

Homer sometimes nodded, and Uncle Sam could be excused if he took an occasional cat nap at Algeciras.

Count Castellane admits that he has been indiscreet, but the word seems tame for an \$8,000,000 high old time.

If it can be proved that mice carry the germs of pneumonia, the rush to mount chairs will not be confined to one sex.

About the best that can be said for Senator Patterson is that he has the courage of President Roosevelt's convictions.

The next boom promises to be one for the improvement of the Mississippi river and its great system of navigable tributaries.

Broken hearts are said to be rare, but a French count who marries millions seems to suffer from it when the financial supply is cut off.

General Sherman defined war, and thereby rendered it more difficult to apply an original term to an alliance between American money and a foreign title.

Venezuela's president is said to be "getting ready for war with France," which must mean that he has packed his trunk and provided himself with a ticket to the interior.

The vote for the rate bill of 346 to 7 is the view the House takes of popular sentiment. So near an approach to unanimity will strike the Senate as worth thoughtful consideration.

Mr. Hearst says he will run for governor of New York if asked. Among the more than 200,000 voters who supported him for mayor he can probably scare up an interrogation mark.

Professor Wiley, of the New York poison squad, says he finds so many germs he is almost afraid to go to the table and eat. Still, some adulterator may have been tampering with the germs.

Hereafter, of course, young ladies who do not wish public attention will have to be careful about marrying popular Congressmen from Ohio, or take the consequences.

Attorney-General Moody insists the Beef Trust is not being prosecuted on anything Commissioner Garfield found out about it. What did Commissioner Garfield find out about it, anyway?

Morocco has found out nothing so far at the international conference except that it is consigned to a seat in the gallery in the learned deliberations on the past, present and future of Morocco.

Ask any "JAP" that you may see, "What the Czar, With Bear behind," had to climb a tree.

The Yanks, God bless the Yanks, says he, They gave us Rocky Mountain Tea. Frank Hart, druggist.

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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 WITHCYCOMBE.

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 re-nomination 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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