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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Occasional light rain.

WORTHY OF BETTER HIRE.

The letter carriers in the employ of the federal government have received no raise in their pay for forty years. In that period wages in many other crafts have doubled and the cost of living has been correspondingly increased in almost every walk of life.

HURRYING TO DISHONOR.

An article recently published in the Denver Republican voices the sentiments of a large number of people and will no doubt meet with the approval of many readers of the Astorian.

"It used to be the new-made millionaire from the west who made the slow-paced world take note of swift doings. The east came to look upon him as a type of the rapid climber whose ascent had made him dizzy and whose dizziness sent him into recklessness, fast living and fast spending.

"The west has seen many a good man ruined by too much money to easily and too quickly secured. The east is seeing the same things these days. The troubles of the Corey family are being aired. When the fight for existence was on, when husband and wife were measuring the little weekly stipend to the household necessities, facing the world and fighting its battles together, they were happy in the company and love of each other.

"It is the sighing for the heights, the heart burnings and longings for great wealth and the things of vanity it will bring that make most of the unhappiness of the world. He who is content with the decent, the quiet, the well-ordered life, plain food and plain clothing, comfortable housing, clean and decent living, is ever able to secure all that with his labor will bring him has the

first call on earthly happiness. The tendency is to fret the spirit and wear out the body struggling for more and more of the unnecessary things that never satisfy and the attainment of which only lead to increased demand. Such desires shut out that contentment wherein is happiness to be found.

"The ignominy of dishonor that is today shadowing so many names that yesterday stood for all that the world calls success, was brought not by any struggle for the good, the true, the real things of life, but out of a desire to outdo their fellows in the display of wealth and in the boast of possession. The insurance scandals, the land grants in Oregon, the bank wreckings, the things with which the newspapers of today are teeming, came not through the struggle to attain a single thing that would have made their possessors better men, or helped them better to fill their parts in life. They, too, climbed too fast, and became dizzy for the swiftness of the ascent. For them all, for the McDouys, the Metalls, the Coreys, it had been:

"Better the humble-died were done And kept the lowly way."

PENSIONING SOLDIERS.

The executive order to the pension bureau to admit to the lists all those who served and are over 65 years of age, regardless of the disability act, has been taken advantage of by a number of men who before were ineligible, although far over the age limit. Under the ruling in force up to the time of President Roosevelt's order, a man must not only prove disability but inability to support himself. All these bars have swept away and in consequence applications have poured in from men who are able to do without the money. Pension Commissioner Wagner cites a case in which a man many times a millionaire filed an application. His papers were found correct, and under the instructions of the president the commissioner had no choice but to give him the stipend. It is said that many of the well-to-do pensioners draw the money in order to establish their war records, and that the quarterly remittances in some instances are turned over to other veterans less comfortable in the world. It is unfortunate that war records must be established by such means and that veterans in need cannot be provided for without such charity, for the most patriotic cannot escape reflection that a millionaire who will draw a pension is unpatriotic now, no matter what his service while he wore the blue. It has only been a short time since an entertainment was gotten up by the patriotic ladies of Astoria to raise funds for soldiers who are unable to live on the small stipend allowed them by the government, and it is a disgrace to this nation that any old soldier should be compelled to ask or accept charity, even although the patriotic people of Astoria and other sections of the country are willing to grant it.

IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING.

Only about one-half of the Republicans of Clatsop county have registered, although the country precincts are showing up, the deficiency being in the city. The importance of every voter registering should be considered by every voter. Under the direct primary law, all voters who do not register before April 10th cannot participate in the nomination of the ticket. Very few Democrats are registering, as it is the intention of the party managers to nominate a ticket by an assembly of voters, which consist of 100. A large majority of those who have registered have declared their principles to be Republican, while not a few Republicans who have registered have declined to state their party affiliations. No Republican who registers and does not state his politics can vote at the primaries, hence it is important that every Republican should state his politics. The nomination of party candidates has been taken from the usual convention and placed entirely in the hands of the people, and it is important that they should participate to the end that a strong ticket be nominated.

Heretofore there has always been considerable dissatisfaction resulting from the selections in Republican conventions, the idea prevailing that they were manipulated in the interest of a ring, and there has often been considerable truth in the assertions. The voters opposed to what was termed "ring rule," succeeded in having the direct primary law enacted, taking the selection of candidates away from conventions and placing it in the hands of the people. The success of this law depends upon what use is made of it by the voters. They have an opportunity of selecting men for the various positions and it is their duty to avail themselves of the opportunity. They have the chance of relegating political conventions and political bosses to the rear, with the sole power of selecting their own candidates. Instead of a convention of one hundred members nominating a ticket, the convention is now composed of two thousand men distributed through the var-

ious sections of the county, the only question being, will they appreciate and avail themselves of the opportunity of graduating present existing evils and place the power of selecting candidates in the hands of the people where it properly belongs.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The vacant positions on the Republican ticket will probably be filled at the citizens' convention.

Football without danger would be nice but popular like golf without high balls and profanity.

Last year we had the Lewis and Clark fair. This year the political circus will occupy the attention of the public.

With so many reformers seeking office, the voter eventually must be perplexed to decide what kind of a government he ought to favor.

There are several persons in the Idaho penitentiary who would be pleased to walk out in sympathy with the ropemen's strike, and who sincerely hope it may be called off.

The most ignorant Russian peasant may be intelligent enough to suspect that he could make quite a good job of governing himself as the czar has made of governing himself.

It is passing strange that while there are so many golden opportunities for a man to run for office in Clatsop county and achieve a record, that there are still no candidates for constable.

This is the season of the year when politicians are busily engaged in telling the voters what they intend to do, and after the agony is over, try and explain why they could not do it.

So long as national banks continue to be looted under the eyes of the official examiners there will be people more or less skeptical of the faith that federal supervision of everything is the sole essential of the higher and better life.

The Civic Improvement Societies of Astoria might do a good work in convincing some people that cleanliness is next to Godliness. It might, however, require a dispensation of Divine Providence to convince a few of our citizens of this fact.

THE GYPSIES.

They Are a Separate People, a Tribe Quite by Themselves.

"Such as wake on the night and sleep on the day and haunt taverns and ale houses and no man wot from whence they come nor whether to go." So quaintly describes an old English statute against the gypsies. Ever since the year 1500, says a writer in the London Standard, Great Britain has tried to get rid of this strange people without appreciable success. Every year or so some county is up in arms against them, yet they persist in returning and apparently thrive on persecution.

The gypsies are popularly supposed to come originally from Egypt, as their name indicates, but their origin is traced farther east than the land of the Nile. Wherever they come from, they are a separate people, a tribe quite by themselves. They appeared in England about 1505, and twenty-six years later Henry VIII. ordered them to leave the country in sixteen days, taking all their goods with them. "An outlandish people," he called them. The act was in effectual, and in 1562 Elizabeth framed a still more stringent law, and many were hanged.

"But what numbers were executed," says one old writer, "yet notwithstanding, all would not prevail, but they wandered as before, uppe and downe." They got into Scotland and became an intolerable nuisance. Both in that country and in England legislation proved quite ineffectual. The acts gradually fell into desuetude. Under George IV, all that was left of the bar against the gypsies was the mild law that any person "telling fortunes shall be deemed a rogue and a vagabond."

"Gypsies are no longer a proscribed class," says a recent writer. "Probably the modern gypsy does little evil beyond begging and petty theft, but his determination not to work is as strong as ever, and it seems curious that an industrial people like ours continues to tolerate a horde of professional idlers." How numerous the horde is may be gathered from the fact that the number who wintered in Surrey one year was estimated at 100,000.

The language as well as the life of the gypsy tribe has a tenacity of its own. Many of their words have taken firm hold in a half slang, half permissible way. Shaver is the gypsy word for child. Pal is pure gypsy. Codger means a man. Cutting up is gypsy for quarrelling, and cove stands for "that fellow."

The Best Cough Syrup.

S. L. Apple, ex-Probate Judge, Ottawa Co., Kansas, writes: "This is to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store.

RATE REGULATIONS

Canadian Pacific President Thinks They Are Beneficial.

SHOULD NOT OPPOSE RATES

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President of Canadian Pacific Railroad Expresses His Views on Subject of Railroad Regulation.

NEW YORK, March 24. Before sailing on the Celtic of the White Star line yesterday, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway expressed his convictions concerning the legislation for railroad rate regulations, now under consideration in the Senate at Washington. He said:

"It is my opinion that the railroads are making altogether too much opposition to the proposed rate regulation. It seems to me that the people are entitled to regulate rates. It is therefore only a question as to the just method of securing that end.

"Rate regulation in Canada, under the control of a federal railway commission created by an act of parliament has now been in operation for two years, and is satisfactory to both the railroads and the shippers. Our commission consists of three members appointed by the government, each for a period of ten years and removable only by Parliament. The only appeal from the decisions of the commission is to the governor. No member of the present commission has been identified with the railroad business, but there is an obvious anxiety to be just alike to the railroads and the shippers and as a result the decisions in the main are fair. The commission has full authority to initiate every rate in the schedule, but in practice it ratifies existing rates within certain limits, that experience has indicated to be equitable. The complaints are made to the commission and its decisions stand unless reversed by the governor in council.

"However, it may be accomplished. I am clear that the railroads will be better under government regulation of rates."

Doctors Are Puzzled.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth Melver, of Vancouver, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the Throat and congestion of the Lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say, it saved my life." Cures the worst Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, Tonsillitis, Weak Lungs, Hoarseness and LaGrippe. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Political Information

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

REGISTRATION

Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 2, 1906. Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 12, 3-4-10. Registration books opened after primary election, April 2. Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 3 p. m.

DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 3. Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district offices, March 25. Last day for filing petitions for county officers, April 4.

DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.

Caucussing votes of primary elections for state officers, May 3.

GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state officers by assembly of electors, April 12. Last day for filing petitions for state officers, April 4. Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4. Last day for filing nominating petitions for county officers, May 19.

GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4

BE SURE AND REGISTER

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primary nominating election.

EMSLEY HOUGHTON.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL. The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, sub-

ject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.

A. M. CRAWFORD.

FOR STATE PRINTER. The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated.

J. R. WHITNEY. Albany, Oregon.

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.

JUST ARRIVED A CAR LOAD OF Our New Stock of WALL PAPER IN ALL THE LATEST DESIGNS AND COLORS IS NOW ON OUR SHELVES AND READY FOR YOUR INSPECTION. GIVE US A CALL. NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS. Full Line of Brushes, Paints, oils, Glass, etc., etc. B. F. Allen & Son, Cor. Bond and Eleventh St.

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