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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair and warmer.

THE COLUMBIA BAR.

The mighty Columbia is asserting itself again, despite the millions of money invested by the government at the jetties. The tremendous flood is building, and unbuilding, at the behest of impulses and forces not yet within the purview of human correction. The bar is shallowing on one course; and deepening on another, especially on the channel that makes to the south and west and diametrically against the jetty work. There is nothing to be surprised at in these conditions; enormous barriers of this sort are not dispelled nor regulated in a year or two; the history of harbor improvement the world over demonstrates the uncertainty of tidal currents and the unreliability of all methods of restraint. The forces at work at the mouth of the Columbia are not of the simpler sort and their baffling agencies are not amenable to the ordinary plans of restriction and guidance. It is hard to conceive that the cultured wisdom of a government and the trained forces it brings to the solution of these great enigmas, are at fault; indeed, it is not yet possible to declare with any certainty that the jetty is a failure, nor is such an assumption under consideration here; but, there is ground for the conclusion that the work already done must be amplified by the construction of a northern jetty to make the one on the south at all effective. Pending this additional work, it is beyond all controversy that the great channel must be kept open by the simpler, yet temporary, expedient of a powerful dredger, and every influence will be brought to bear for the ordering of the Chinook to the scene and the keeping her there for as long a season as possible.

WHAT?

In the light of all the talk of essential improvement in the fire department, of the imperative need of additional fire apparatus, of the lesson taught at the Astor street fire of last Wednesday, there are lots of people in the city asking why no word in this behalf was uttered at the council meeting on Monday night. And on top of the mayor's proclamation, backed by the endorsement of the Committee on Fire and Water, to! What?

PASSING SWIFTLY.

According to "Corporal" Tanner the old veterans of the civil war are crossing the border line at the rate of 5000 a month. This is sad, yet inevitable; life has its span, and the brave young fellows of that dread time, are, for the most part, the halting and broken old men of the present. As they pass, it may be of sterling comfort to them to know that the faith of a nation has made it impossible for the memory of their cause and their work, to pass with them. History, records, monuments, relics, and the imperishable consciousness of a great people will

keep alive the glory of the tremendous era and the men who made it unforgettable.

THEN—AND NOW.

In the year 1866 it required, on an average 247 hours of hand labor to produce 500 bushels of potatoes; in 1895 it required an average of only eighty-six hours, consisting of machine labor almost entirely.

To produce fifty bushels of shelled corn and then cut the stalks into suitable fodder, required 238 hours of hand labor in 1855; in 1895 machinery did the same work in about thirty-four hours.

The production of fifty bushels of wheat in 1830, required an average of 160 hours of hand labor; in 1896 seven and one-half hours of machine labor accomplished the same result.

And so on, down the list, from barley to tomatoes, and from hay to rice. Modern machinery has everywhere clipped off the long, hard hours that our fathers endured, and the farmer of today is easily able to produce results which would seem like magic to the old time man with the hoe. Surely the world moves!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

New York now has 80-cent gas—and a law-suit.

In England a man can take out an insurance policy against twins.

Onion juice is said to be a cure for appendicitis. That disease will now cease to be either fashionable or interesting.

In this emergency the government labors under the disadvantage of having no regularly organized bureau of earthquakes.

The value of the automobiles exported from France during January was \$2,046,000, or more than double the total for January, 1905.

A person suffering from an ordinary case of consumption throws off daily seven billion germs. One of these germs properly lodged in your body will eventually kill you unless you kill him.

The general opinion of seismological experts as to the cause of the San Francisco earthquake seems to be that Vesuvius, at least, can establish an alibi.

Mayor Dunne's "immediate municipal ownership" has been converted into "ultimate municipal ownership." The mayor's illusions are beginning to give place to facts.

On a plot of less than three acres, near Paris, which rents for \$500 a year, is raised 250,000 pounds of vegetables annually. The irrigationists and intensive farmers have hold of a large proposition.

The carpenter is out again with his hammer. He's a knocker that counts. Seventy ships were completely wrecked along the German coasts last year and 356 were damaged.

That London doctor is quite right in stating that fast automobiling and the drink habit are akin. Both mean quick consumption. Both mean quick consumption of gasoline.

Almost everything radically new in the negligee line has gone over bodily to empire styles, getting that snort waisted effect in ways that rob it of its "wrappy" look and transform it to a model of grace.

Randolph Milbourne, the Washington, D. C., music teacher, who wears woman's clothes, has got around legal objections by wearing a large silver badge bearing the inscription, "Randolph Milbourne. I am a Man."

To shut out an objectionable view from side or rear windows mix a little mastic varnish and white lead in equal quantities and apply to the inside of the panes with an old paint brush. It will be a good imitation of ground glass and will wear a long time.

A Chicago professor recently predicted that the industry of the twenty-first century would be controlled by women; and Supreme Court Justice David A. Brewer, in an address before Vassar, suggested that "The next half-century may extend full suffrage throughout the union."

Oranges are likely to be somewhat scarcer and dearer in Eastern markets. Los Angeles and other places are sending carloads of the fruit to San Francisco, where it is distributed freely among the homeless. That is a splendid example of the charity which begins

at home and extends to its next door neighbor.

It is said that medical men are loud in the criticisms of the wearing by women of the long gloves which has become a fad and in connection with the wearing of the sleeve bangle or bracelet to keep them from wrinkling. It is claimed that varicose veins will be the result. However, Dame Fashion is not liable to change the prevailing fashion on account of the medical profession's opinions.

The following time table should be preserved by every mother, as it is often a source of the greatest anxiety to know whether or not a child will develop a disease after having been exposed to it. Chickenpox, symptoms usually appear on the fourteenth day; diphtheria, second day; measles, fourteenth day; mumps, nineteenth day; scarlet fever, fourth day; smallpox, twelfth day; typhoid fever, twenty-first day; whooping cough, fourteen day.

We must not be too hard upon Adam that, on such a brief acquaintance, he should have been prejudiced and suspicious as to woman, and that he cast the blame of their mutual sin upon Eve, saying, "It was the woman Thou gavest me!" Time has changed all that. She is now his most intimate friend, his alter ego, his complement, his soul-pfifter; and if he were asked today who it was that persuaded him to eat of the fruit of the tree of holiness, he would answer, even as before, but this time without the stain and shame of cowardly equivocation, yet truthfully and joyously, "It was the woman Thou gavest me!"

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ificate numbered 5 for ten shares; certificate numbered 135 for four shares; certificate numbered 156 for five shares; certificate numbered 157 for five shares; certificate numbered 158 for twelve shares; certificate numbered 221 for three shares; certificate numbered 222 for one share; certificate numbered 244 for seventeen shares; certificate numbered 245 for 23 shares; certificate numbered 268 for twenty shares; certificate numbered 273 for twenty shares; certificate numbered 275 for forty shares;

certificate numbered 298 for twenty shares; certificate numbered 299 for twenty-six shares, and certificate numbered 304 for four shares, or sufficient thereof to satisfy a certain promissory note bearing date of March 25th, 1904, executed by John Hahn for the sum of \$5000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum from date until paid, on which there has been paid interest to September 25th, 1904 leaving due leaving to the unpaid thereon the sum of \$5000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum from the 25th day of September, 1904 until paid. Said sale is made pursuant to a written contract and authority executed by said John Hahn authorizing the undersigned to sell said shares of stock or sufficient thereof to satisfy said note bearing date March 25th 1904.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 27th day of April, 1906.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.
4-29-101.

NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Clerk's office until 2 o'clock p. m. May 19, 1906, for slashing, clearing and grubbing of about eleven acres land of the proposed High Service Reservoir Site in Lot 12, Section 16, Township 8, North Range 9 West, Willamette Meridian.

Specifications may be obtained by applications to the Superintendent's office corner Eleventh and Duane.

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ASTORIA WATER COMMISSION.
May 4, 1906.

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