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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Increasing cloudiness with showers north portion; cooler, except near coast.
Western Washington—Showers—cooler, except near coast.
Eastern Oregon—Partly cloudy and occasional threatening.
Eastern Washington—Showers and cooler.

BOOZE AND BUSINESS.

It is an eternal fact that booze and business will not mix. No amount of coaching and coaxing can harmonize the two, with any degree of permanence and success; there may be an apparent running together for a time, but like oil and water, after the shaking that merges them, the settling process will find them as far asunder as ever.

HER DAY IN COURT.

With an up-to-date and applicable charter under formulation; a new and elegant hotel practically secured; negotiations closed for the building, lease, and operation of a fine new opera house; the installation of splendid and modern additions to the electric light and power system of the city; and new 20,000,000-gallon water reservoir underway; an automatic telephone service under franchise, and its introduction guaranteed; the regular telephone system to be wholly built over and modernized; the new home of the Astoria Savings Bank well started; and a current outgo of \$100,000 for new homes, great and small, all over the city, Astoria's day in the court of progress cannot be denied, and she will make the most of it.

THE TEST IS ON.

The snap of Astoria is under test. She needs a first-class hotel. Certain reliable parties have offered to put one up here at a cost of \$75,000, or more, upon a suitable site to be donated for that express purpose.

you can in this behalf. Do anything to demonstrate that we know a good thing when it comes our way, and do it quickly. That hotel ought to be up almost by Regatta time; and it will be well in sight by the Fourth of July if only our snap holds out.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The adulteration of food products, and uncleanness in handling them, are matters that no enlightened government neglects. Sanitation requires that they be treated with vigilance, carefully maintained all the time.

The two houses of congress continue, session after session, to do some heavy batting on a pure food bill. But always manage to keep at a safe distance from the home plate.

Former Senator Jones of Arkansas has declared for Bryan, and predicts his election two years hence. Is this the same old prediction, or has Boss Jones acquired something fresh?

Lots of fuss is made because Roosevelt gives Shaw permission to go away to make his speeches; but then, there may be several statesmen in Washington who might delight him by doing the same thing.

The latest fad among the girls of a Kansas town is the "toe social." The girl with the most artistic collection of corns takes the prize—bunions excepted. A hundred berry-pickers at Denison.

A fat neck is not beautiful. The beautiful neck is the slender one—well shaped and with a regal, lovely poise. This may be acquired.

Texas, went on a strike Saturday because they were ordered to wear muzzles to prevent their eating the berries. No gag law goes down there.

The Russian government asserts that the douma misunderstands its position. Barely possible, but the rest of the world is "dead onto" it, at any rate.

It was Carlyle who preferred the fellow who sings at his work. Well, there are lots of him in Jersey, since the mosquito season opened.

Babies at birth have a pulse that beats 160 times a minute in the case of girls and 150 times a minute in the case of boys.

The high linen collar, with its dainty muslin tie, has the seal of approval set upon it by the best-dressed women in Paris.

Over \$1,500,000 was paid in sick and death benefits last year by unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The business of life insurance has developed greatly in Japan since 1881. There was only one company transacting business in that year.

Between 800 and 900 British towns and villages have name-akes in the United States.

One British Bible Society distributed last year nearly 6,000,000 copies of the Scriptures.

Butter was used for many years in India solely as an ointment for apply to wounds.

In the United States more than twice as much is spent for liquor as for bread and meat together.

In twelve marriages out of every 100 one of the parties has been married before.

Misa Krupp probably realizes that the great establishment of which she is the head needs a man behind its guns.

Corselet gowns seem to predominate above all others.

An ordinary European railway engine is equal in strength to 900 horses.

NEEDS JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP.

French Statesmen Points Out What Russia Should Do.

PARIS, June 20.—M. de Lanessan, ex-minister of marine, in an interview in the Siecle, warns Russia against a policy that would estrange Japan, who could never tolerate the return of the Russians to the Pacific. That is a vital question for the Japanese. This should be understood by Russian diplomacy.

The Purely Money Loving Class Is Unfit to Rule

By WILLIAM M. IVINS, Late Republican Candidate For Mayor of New York

THE question for us to ask as a nation is, knowing that we love money and knowing the noble use of it, What do we love MORE THAN MONEY? Is it liberty? The facts do not show it, because I believe it to be the fact that, as a people today, we are suffering socially and politically from the TYRANNY OF ILL GOTTEN WEALTH; and yet we are not prepared as a people (for "society," so called, is no part of the people, but the mere rotten fruit of the tree of prosperity), we are as a people, I say, not prepared to take off our hats to MERE WEALTH.

The chief disqualification of the money hungry to rule a state is their inappreciation of their complete inability to reach or to influence our NOBLER INSTINCTS. I may add their indifference to and utter disregard of them. What the politician loves is the minimum of effort with the maximum of talk, and he so hates a licking that he is sure finally to do what he is told. As it is today, however, it is by this class and not by the great, silent, laborious majority, whose will is SYSTEMATICALLY FRUSTRATED, that as a nation we are judged and not infrequently despised because so many of this class are so vulgar and despicable, although so many are men of culture and personal charm.

We may admit as the final ugly fact that "the whole prosperity of a people is built up on interest and never upon sentiment." But one part of the people knows and is eternally vigilant of its interests, and another part either DOES NOT KNOW or is lacking in vigilance. But the vigilant interests may not be the interests of the community, and these latter thus come to be wholly disregarded or misrepresented in our legislatures and by our executive officials. But professional politicians are TIME SERVERS and are generally moral cowards.

THIS IS SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR, BECAUSE IT MAKES THEM LESS DANGEROUS DIRECTLY AS THEY ARE MORE TIMID AND LEADS THEM TO KEEP THEIR EARS CLOSE TO THE GROUND.

Following the Flag.

When our soldiers went to Cuba and the Philippines, health was the most important consideration. Willis T. Morgan, retired Commissary Sergeant U. S. A., of Rural Route 1, Concord, N. H., says "I was two years in Cuba and two years in the Philippines, and being subject to colds, I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which kept me in perfect health. And now, in New Hampshire, we find it the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds, bronchial troubles and all lung diseases. Guaranteed at Charles Rogers, druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Up came the empty drag net for possible candidates and out came Mr. Bryan.

Deadly Serpent Bites

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