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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair, continued warm.
Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Probably fair and continued warm.

THE CREFFIELD SWAY.

Creffield dead seems to sway his deluded followers with a malignancy of force and purpose unknown during his earthly career. The cold, calculated, deliberate murder of George Mitchell on Thursday evening, by the sister for whose honor and salvation he had already put his life and soul in jeopardy, was an emanation of the vile cult of which Creffield was the high priest, that should, at least, operate as a climax so far as the law of the land is concerned.

THE FIFTIETH JUDGE.

The French Court of Cassation, with its forty-nine judges, has at last handed down a decree of complete acquittal in favor of Captain Dreyfus, the gallant French officer who has borne the stigma and stigma of a false charge of disloyalty for almost a score of years. The fiftieth judge, universal public opinion, accorded him immunity and innocence, years and years ago; but there is nothing loftier and sillier, on the blessed earth, than the French court of last resort. Therefore, has he suffered intolerable ignominy all this time; and now when the splendor of his manhood is breaking and he is entering the shadows, crushed and embittered by the frightful injustices that have been heaped upon him, this travesty of compensation is handed him in a blaze of artificial glory that deceives no one, much less the recipient. It is all one long, cruel farce, only the criminal phases of it have long since obliterated the farcical element and the credit of France has been crucially impaired.

THE NEW HOTEL.

It may be that Astoria will be called upon to choose, next week, as between a Twelfth Annual Regatta, and a brand new and splendid hotel. The choice should not be hard to make. The absolute need of a fine hotel is so apparent, so insistent, and so logical, that but little time should be wasted in deliberation. Give to the hotel site, quickly, and abundantly, and in the glow of a duty well and promptly done, take up

the issue of a regatta, and make that go, too! One will help the other; each is dependent on the other; and the two are essential for the city. We can lose the regatta with very fair grace this year, but we cannot, and must not, lose the hotel. This is hotel year, and any year can be used for the festival of the "fishing-harvest."

BRAVEST PEOPLE ON EARTH.

When a man, or a woman, goes deliberately after a divorce from husband or wife, secures it, and then, as deliberately, marries some other man, or woman, we are willing to concede them a palm for pluck; but when a divorcee, man, or woman, remarries his, or her, divorced colleague, then we hide the palms and begin to hand out the crowns. They are the bravest people on earth in the mere matter of nerve. Who shall deny them the high-sign of human temerity? There is a sublimity, a reckless audacity, a superb intrepidity, in such an act, that inspires the world with conscious awe!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

European and northern American emigration is rather shy of California and our eastern gulf states because they are lazy climates. With all its aversion to work, the human race wants the option of being able to grow. A country where in the growing and ripening season a man is forced to intermit his toil all through the middle of the day and where there is no long summer twilight to compensate for the noonday heat will never attract a large permanent immigration. For the lazy climates are the climates without a twilight; there is a distinct relation between twilight hours and racial energy.—New York Mail.

Austria for weeks past has been devastated by a fearful grasshopper pest. After all the scientists of the empire had exhausted their efforts to discover a means of staying the plague, a farmer's wife discovered that a solution of soft soap will stay the pests. Train loads of soft soap are being sent out by the government, and the dead insects are being piled in great heaps and burned with rejoicing.

An Omaha refrigerator manufacturer announces that he is about to put on the market a fireless stove. If he would stick to his own business and give us an iceless ice-box—not like the one that is iceless because the ice is priceless and the dough-bag is doughless, but one that would freeze things without ice—he would be doing us a much greater service just now.

For the third time Cleveland ice dealers have been indicted for alleged violations of the anti-trust law. Nothing came of the cases on the two former occasions. If the Cuyahoga county grand jury would borrow some of the commodity to keep its indictments on, it would be saved considerable trouble when the fad comes again.

The mayor of New Richmond, Wis., it will be found on the new maps,—has decided that profanity is useless and says he is "going to do his best to stop it in his city". Why not stop it wherever he is? Better be an example than a warning.

Iowa is destined to learn, if not already aware of the fact, that there is no such thing as a free-trade Republican.

Only 82 Years Old.

"I am only 82 years old and don't expect even when I get to be real old to feel that way as long as I can get Electric Bitters," says Mrs. E. H. Brunson, of Dublin, Ga. Surely there's nothing else keeps the old as young and makes the weak as strong as this grand tonic medicine. Dyspepsia, torpid liver, inflamed kidneys or chronic constipation are unknown after taking Electric Bitters a reasonable time. Guaranteed by Charles Rogers, druggist. Price 50 cents.

Finnigan Filosofizes.

Minnny an unfair person sits down t' a square deal-table, be hivins! Prisdint Roosyvelt simply don't lolke th' idee av usin' th' muck-ra-ake fer th' muck's sa-sake, that's all.

Minnny a man wid th' proice av a good male in 's pocket don't know where th' nixt male's comin' frum.

They're more dyspeptics anxious t' be hungry than they is hungry min na-adin' t' be fed, an' 'tis less satisfyin'.—Judge.

Twenty-Year Battle.

"I was a loser in a twenty-year battle with chronic piles and malignant sores, until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve; which burned the tide, by curing both, fill not a trace remains," writes A. M. Bruce, of Farmville, Va. Best for old Ulcers, Cuts, Burns and Wounds. 25c at Charles Rogers, druggist.

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FOR TEN DAYS, BEGINNING MONDAY, PIANO PRICES IN ASTORIA GO TO BEDROCK

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You likely have read of Eilers' mixup, with his landlord in Portland—it all happened in May; the landlord and he couldn't come to terms on a renewal of lease, and the big store on Washington street was given up. In giving up the premises it meant a big loss in retail trade, but it saved a whole lot of money in rent. A retail merchant can go just so far, but it is useless to pay as much rent for a place as the profits of the business amount to.

So Eilers Piano House closed their retail department in June, after a most phenomenal clearing out sale. This sale was admitted by all piano manufacturers to have been the most wonderful piano selling event, ever known in the west, and why?—a magnificent line of pianos was thrown on the market. Weber, Chickering, Kimball, Pease, Haddorf, Story and Clark, Crown, Wessner, Bailey, and a dozen other well-known pianos, and at prices that made old-fashioned dealers in pianos tear their hair in despair.

Just to verify this statement, we will quote two or three sale prices in Portland. A five-hundred-dollar piano went for \$395. A four-hundred-dollar piano for \$275. A three hundred and twenty-five-dollar piano for \$218. And a hundred other such like cuts in prices.

Manufacturers are sending their stock right along, regardless of our inability to handle it at retail in Portland; they do this because we agreed to take a certain number of pianos every month. The question has been what shall we do with this stock, pending the opening of our new retail store, in November. We have decided to give our four branch stores—Astoria, Walla Walla, Salem, and The Dalles—the full benefit of this most unusual opportunity.

Monday morning two cars direct from the east will be forwarded to Astoria, and the people here will read about piano prices they never dreamed possible.

Every piano will be plainly marked, and the price will be the same as a like piano sold for, in our big sale in Portland last month. If this is not so, the piano is yours for nothing.

We can't let our stock pile up; the branch stores must handle the business until our Portland store is ready in November.

Ten days is the time given to the work.

Thirty odd pianos to select from.

Easy time payments; in fact, by giving references you can even have sixty days before making a first payment.

A magnificent Kimball for \$307.00; a \$500.00 Crown for \$265.00; the prettiest oak Wessner you ever looked at for \$238.00; a Bailey for \$216.00, and plenty more such buys.

We do not want to use extravagant language, but we do want to say as strongly as printer's ink will say it: The prices in this sale are cut to the quick, and you can save money by investigating the correctness of this statement.

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