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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington — Fair and warmer, except near coast.

HILL-HARRIMAN-ASTORIA.

The news of yesterday morning, granting there is a ray of truth in it, is portentious of good for the country hereamout, and incidentally for the City of Astoria. We are not having any spasms about it, however, and will save our powder for more determinable stuff. We would be a bit more certain, of things before throwing any fits over railroad stories. A blind man can see, however, that if James J. Hill, wrought to the pitch of retaliatory measures by the successes achieved by E. H. Harriman in Seattle, shall set up a terminal at or near the mouth of the Columbia river, even on te Washington side, and handle the vast grain produce of the northwest out of there in bottoms sent to the uttermost ends of the earth, that the face of things commercial is sure to change for Astoria, and for the better. It will be the first step toward centering here the tremendous exporting business thhat logically belongs here. It will give this section the common point rate on wheat. It will force Astoria to the front, whatever the modus be. Harriman must make a quick and decisive move, hitherward, or be cast out of the field. Such a term in the history of the commerce of the northwest is one of the essential verities. It was bound to come sometime. No influence could retard it for all time. And if the pending forecast is merely strategic bluff, it does not impugn the certainty of its coming at a later date. Astoria, like San Francisco, is at the open door of the wide seas; an instant haven, and a logical depot for maritime business. We hope to see this matter between these giants of transportation fructify to the abounding good of this section nd this city; nd we will not be surprised if it does, not stonish if it noes not. The fate of Astoria is not bound up in the present hour. It is written, by the very hand of nature and ordained of the simple science of reasoning, all extraneous influences to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN OFFICIAL INSULT.

The restoration of Captain S. Bonnafield to his rating and papers as a marine master of sea-going vessels, by Supervising Inspectors James Birmingham, of San Francisco, after the findings made here by Inspectors Edwards and Fuller, who sat in judgment upon his collision with the barkentine Jane L. Stanford off the mouth of the Columbia river, is a direct insult to the integrity of the latter gentlemen. The case was distinctly plain, and notably bad. And the taking away of Captain Bonnafield's license as master, for a period of one year, was an exceedingly mild penalty for his raw evasion of the law of the sea, in its technical, and ethical senses. It is true Captain Bonnafield was asleep in his berth at the moment of the disaster. Personally he had no control of the situation, and was guiltless, save for unescapable responsibility thlat always attaches to a master on the high seas for the conduct of the officers and men under him. But his cold-blooded abandonment of a vessel his own ship had run down; his failure to stand by and ascertain the extent of the injuries he had inflicted; his failing to give even a hail, or sign, or show of sailorly interest in the trouble he had wrought, was the professional sin that evoked the penalty in Portland, and his discovery of his papers will never lighten the load of reproach that he carries by reason of that cowardly negligence. If the Stanford had gone to the bottom, on the night of June 12, what would have been the status of the man who slipped off into the night without a single word of inquiry or tender of help? And for all the master of the J. B. Stetson knew of the contrary, that was the fate of the vessel he had run down. He may be re-instated officially; he will never be restored in the professional sense with any honest mariner who sails the same sea with him. And we doubt if the matter is to rest here. There will be, in all likelihood, some further dealings with the matter in a sphere of power less amenable to "influence."

THE DELIRIUM OF POWER.

The Emperor of Russia has spoken the fateful word. He has denied his people the blessing they sought and were led to believe they would be given. In a very delirium of autocratic madness he has invoked the reprisal of destiny and he and his class are doomed forever in the country they might have saved and made glorious. The hour is past. There will be no rest, no peace, no progress, in taht land until it is redeemed from the thrall of inherited domination, and expands, in the sum of freedom a new and grand republic. The road to this summit of racial victory is bitterly hard and long, and it is to be marked at every step, with horrid and endless sacrifices, but it will be passed in time, and old Russia, with all the bitter wrongs of a dozen centuries will find its grave somewhere along the dreadful route.

SANDALS ARE COMING BACK.

"Do you know what we're coming to?" asked a shoe manufacturer. "Well, here is a forecast along my line. We're going back to the days of Greece. In five years we won't be wearing anything but sandals, in summer time at least. Leather sandals for children were introduced by us several years ago. They sold like hot cakes last season and they're going better now. We're turning them out as fast as our factory can be operated. And this year we've been making a quantity of large sizes. They're almost exclusively for women, but the men will be wearing them in a year or two, and mark my words, in about five more seasons the summer leather sandals will be the whole thing. We'll look like the Greeks all right and we'll feel mighty comfortable."

WORKING GIRLS OF BERLIN.

Working girls in Berlin average nine hours and a half a day for which they get about $2.80 a week. Only one in five is able to have her own bedroom; the others share their rooms with from one to six other girls. Some of them hardly know what a warm meal means, rye bread being their principal food.

EDITORAL SALAD.

The life of a woman is made up of a small thing, whether she is a homemaker or a wage-earner. Her cup of woe overflows not because a supreme resistless avalanches of grief or difficulties is turned into her cup, but because drop by drop, many infinitesimal troubles are added until they slip over the brim. She can always rise to a great crisis or bear an enormous, suddenly acquired burden, but cannot thrust aside small grievances. On the other hand a man throws off small disappointments and petty annoyances, but is down and out, often times, when a great disaster overtakes him.

Two young men were having an argument and one of them quoted a verse of scripture. The other said, "Come off. I'll bet ten dollars you can't repeat the Lord's Prayer." "Yes, I can" said the first. "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep; if I should die before I wake, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take. Amen." "Well, here is your ten dollars" said the friend "but I wouldn't have believed you could have done it."

The rural free delivery carriers have been hoping for some time that they will be placed in the same class with the city carriers and be given a 15 day vacation on full pay, and there is a good prospect for this to be done. The senate last month included in the appropriation bill $500,000 to pay for substitutes who will work for the regular carriers. In addition to this the carriers will get the legal holidays allowed to all government officials.

Keep the chrysanthemums growing strong through this month. The plants are gross feeders and the use of liquid fertilizer, made from stable manure by soaking the manure in water and using it about the color of weak tea, is very desirable.

Present Ideals Are High

By CHARLES E. HUGHES, New York's Famous Insurance Prober

WE cannot place too much emphasis on the good work done by our public servants. I believe in criticism, but the community, though it should be severe with wrongdoers and relentless in the exposure of wrongdoing, owes it to itself to give a proper meed of praise TO THOSE WHO STAND LOYALLY IN ITS INTEREST. There is no good in the general criticism of those in executive and legislative positions and on the bench. There is reason for congratulation rather on the men who give lives of service to the community UNMINDFUL OF PERSONAL OBLIGATIONS and personal interests.

It is lamentable that institutions rather than men who disgrace them come under criticism. There is nothing worse than the slur and slander of the INSTITUTIONS that make us great. Let the faithless public servant be pointed out and condemned and let no social or political influence protect him, but let him stand forth in his true character. But let not that criticism fall on the institutions that we must love, honor and preserve.

We have now throughout the country a feeling of uneasiness and dissatisfaction, but there is none except that which springs from the consciousness of WRONGS TO BE RIGHTED and evils to be exposed in order that they may no longer exist.

THE IDEALS OF THE COUNTRY WERE NEVER HIGHER THAN THEY ARE TODAY, AND THERE NEVER WAS A TIME WHEN MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE WERE SO RESPONSIVE TO THOSE IDEALS.

Limitation of Births Is Needed

By Professor F. W. BLACKMAR, University of Kansas

THE most general as well as the most fundamental problem of charity and philanthropy is to practice the law of love and to lend aid to the helpless and the weak in such fashion as not to degenerate the stock or WEAKEN THE SPIRIT of the individual race or destroy the social order.

But there are still deeper problems to consider, and these are the restrictions of marriage and THE LIMITATION OF BIRTHS.

Something must be done to stop the multiplication of THE UNFIT by heredity, as well as by environment. How this is to be brought about is difficult to say.

We are steeped in tradition and convention. We have so much hypocrisy in our civilization that it is difficult to apply scientific methods. But education, legislation and radical social selection, TO SUPPLEMENT NATURE, may relieve the situation. This, with continuance of the social forms and individual characteristics, may help us to eliminate the unfit.

If left to herself, nature eliminates the weak and the unfit, but SCIENCE DOMINATES CIVILIZATION, and civilization must submit to the demands of science.

WE MUST EITHER CEASE TRYING TO RECLAIM THE WEAK OR MAKE A BETTER SELECTION OF STOCK. IF WE WOULD ELIMINATE DEGENERACY, CRIME, PAUPERISM AND POVERTY WE MUST SEE TO THE STOCK OF THE PEOPLE.

Saved His Comrade's Life.

"While returning from the Grand Army Encampment at Washington City, a comrade from Elgin, Ill., was taken with cholera morbus and was in a critical condition," says Mr. J. E. Houghland, of Eldon, Iowa. "I gave him Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and believe saved his life. I have been engaged for ten years in imimgration work and conducted many parties to the south and west. I always carry this remedy and have used it succesfuly on many occasions." Sold by Frank Hart, leading druggist.

These proposals and measures show that social amelioration and social legislation are still the order of the day in progressive countries.

Baseball Players and Foot Racers!

Louis J. Kruger, ex-champion long distance foot racer of Germany and Holland, writes, October 27, 1901:

"During my training of 8 weeks for the foot races at Salt Lake City, in April last, I used Ballard's Snow Liniment to my greatest satisfaction.

"Therefore, I highly recommend Snow Liniment to all who are troubled with sprains, bruises, or rheumatism." 25c, 50c and $1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store.

A class of girls are now being trained and educated in one of our colleges on how to keep house and bring up a family on $10 a week. Our millionaire mashers will soon want them to live on $5 a week.

Indigestion.

With its companions, heart burn, flatulence, torpidity of the liver, constipation, palpitation of the heart, poor circulation, headache and other nervous symptoms, sallow skin, four tongue, offensive breath and a legion of other ailments, is at once the most widespread and destructive malady among the American people. The Herbine treatment will cure all these troubles. 50c bottle. Sold by Hart's drug store.

According to the theory commonly attributed to Dr. Osler, Adam himself lived 870 years longer than he had any business to live.

Modest Claims Often Carry the Most Conviction.

When Maxim, the famous gun inventor, placed his gun before a committee of judges, he stated its carrying power to be below what he felt sure the gun would accomplish. The result of the trial was therefore a great surprise, instead of disappointment. It is the same with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. They uot publicly boast of all this remedy will accamplish, but prefer to let the users make the statements. What they do claim, is that it will positively cure diarrhoea, dysentery, pains in the stomach and bowels and has never been known to fail. For sale by Frank Hart, letding druggists.

More or less fault has been founded with the canneries, but no adulteration has been discovered in the product of the henneries.