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WEATHER

Oregon, Idaho, Washington - Fair continued warm.

BLUNDER OF BLUNDERS.

It is becoming plainly apparent, day by day, that the territorial divisions of railway domination on the Pacific Coast are being slowly, yet surely, abandoned; and the ambitions of the several trunk lines are overlapping the once agreed upon demarcations. In the aggressive search for new fields and new outlets here in the northwest, the mouth of the Columbia river is taking primal place in the calculations of latter-day projectors and there is every reason to believe it will soon be the objective of one or more great systems that cannot afford longer to remain subject to conditions that are, peculiarly, of the "dog in the manger" sort. There was a day when the O. R. & N. might have utilized this port as its one great terminal, to the perpetual exclusion of every other similar interest in the land; when it might have built a great seaport here and held it against the overwhelming encroachments of all opposition, no matter what the wealth and prestige may have been. But it trusted to the isolated conditions that prevailed in this section, and held it "up its sleeve" as a resource unlikely to be invaded and less likely to be wrested from it. This was its supreme blunder. It has seen both improbabilities come to pass. The land franchise has passed from it irrevocably; the water-way to Portland and the towage right on the bar are all that remain to it, of what was once a legitimate and comprehensive leverage for control of the best harbor on the northern coast. It is any man's now; Hill, Gould, Lytle, Hammond; anyone with the pluck and sagacity to take it over. That it will be taken over and made the most of, even the indifferent, and Portland-gagged, O. R. & N. need not doubt. And there will be something poetic in this justice of the sweeping of the blundering corporation aside and its future exclusion from a key-field it might have exploited for all time to come had it not clung to the policy that there was but one port, one city, one center, one influence, in all the country. It is an example of that strange infatuation that innures with sudden policies; the reckless adherence to primitive and unprogressive rules of action, that finds its end in the keener and quicker aggressions of the day, when men will not be hampered because of the fallacious and impotent claims such as have been set up and maintained for years in this relation, by the once-supreme Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company.

SPURIOUS WORKS OF ART.

Word comes from Europe of the wholesale imposition of spurious works of art upon the untrained buyers of the beautiful and the precious among the handicrafts of mankind. There is nothing surprising in such news; this is the age of the spurious. If the humbugs were only limited to the "gems" of art in which no one indulges but the ignorant rich, it might be fairly tolerable. But turn where one will, there is ever the lurking fraud, the cute sham, the plausible humbug. In clothing, in foodstuffs, in all the essentials of daily life. Every phase of glamour, deceit, double-dealing and overt theft, confronts the simple and the honest. Half

the world laughs at the other as it mourns the discovered fraud; and the attitudes are continually shifted. No one ever thinks of reprisals, fearing the ridicule, and dreading the conviction of their own stupidity. If the adroit business thief were but amenable to the customary treatment accorded the convicted grand-larcenist, the people might stand some show of being freed, in a measure, from the endless creed and greed that prey upon them.

SAME OLD STORY.

There is quite as much war afoot in the Russian parliament as there is outside it. The factions are all raging for dominance, and the government is hedging in the meantime against popular revolt, strengthening its army, its fortresses, its police, and erecting all the restraints imaginable, to be impregnable when the time for action shall come. Thus it is always, with scholar and chump alike. There is no merging the peoples in one great common stand for universal freedom such as has been known in the past. The prestige of graft, of political jealousy, of bureaucratic dominance, of partisan strife, all are rampant and fighting aggressively for the puny and passing interests of party and person, while the nobler and more vital causes are frittered away and finally sacrificed.

LIKE MASTER, LIKE MAN.

The Portland Journal continues to mumble sneers, through its Portland gag, at the projected railway improvements in and about Astoria. This is in direct line with its beggarly policy of damning everything that appertains to anything outside of the metropolis. It is so warped to its insane, "first family," "only city," mugwumpian policy, that it simply hates the good-ortune that falls anywhere beyond the corporate limits of its own habitat. Such a paper and policy show nothing of breadth, of state pride, of generous tolerance, of communal good-will; they live and operate within the hide-bound limitations of a personal and selfish direction which they dare not transcend even in favor of a community 100 miles away. It is as pitiful as it is conspicuous. But in the present instance, ineffectual.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

- Only one woman in 100 insures her life.
In stature Eskimo women are the shortest on earth.
Tomatoes stimulate the healthy action of the liver.
No photographs are ever taken of women in China.
Sarah Bernhardt has a huge bed 15 feet long.
When the skin is sallow the system requires acids.
In Africa wives are sold for two packets of hairpins.
It takes 3000 silkworms to spin enough silk for one lady's dress.
A brush dipped in salt water should be used in cleaning bamboo furniture.
There's many a case of plain grouch that masquerades as artistic temperament.
Mrs. Longworth appears to be showing her husband a pretty good time in Europe.
Don't cultivate the habit of looking for something to worry about. You may some day have your search rewarded.
Remember that a lamp if burned with only a little oil in it generates a gas which is liable at any moment to explode.
Anyone who is able to dig up a good, healthy thought or spread a smile once in a while will never lack pleasant occupation.
When lemons have become hard and dry immerse them in cold water. They will soon become quite soft and ready to use.

Mrs. Pauline Whitman is the most successful of Texan women ranchers. She owns 200,000 acres and raises 15,000 cattle annually.

Mrs. Caroline M. Severance, organizer of the first woman's club in the United States, lives in Los Angeles, Cal. She is 85 years old.

Oregon has turned down woman suffrage by a large majority. The women of the state should now hoist the banner "No Ballot, No Babies!" and stay with it to a triumphant finish.

Politics Offers Little to Young Men



By CARTER H. HARRISON, Ex-Mayor of Chicago

POLITICAL or public service appointments usually, if accompanied with a salary, are given to men who have interested themselves in practical politics, BUT RARELY TO YOUNG MEN. Such appointments may be for a term of from two to four years or more. They give a man an opportunity for acquaintance, which may or may not be valuable, DEPENDING UPON THE USE TO WHICH HE PUTS IT. Some of these positions may give to a young man a comparatively easy "job" at a pretty good salary. If this is an advantage, he has it. As an opportunity for judging human nature many of these positions afford splendid opportunities.

Elective offices as a rule are not thrust now upon Cincinnatiuses summoned from the plows. The average man elected to public service GOES AFTER IT, horse, foot and dragoons, and enlists all of his friends in his behalf. Elective or appointive office is, of course, sometimes a stepping stone to higher official positions. Men have gone from the office of constable to that of governor. Everything depends UPON THE MAN HIMSELF, and there are no cookbook recipes for success. Public service has ruined some men and advanced others. Courage, honesty, faithfulness to duty—in a word, CHARACTER—will inevitably tell, whether with advantages or disadvantages.

Opportunities for promotion to young men in appointive public positions may result from good work, influence, caprice or any other reason, the same as in a private business.

What are the principal disadvantages to the young man in public service?

The principal disadvantage to the young man in public service is the precariousness of his tenure of office. He must be ready to fold his tents, like the Arab, WHEN A NEW ADMINISTRATION STEPS IN. Civil service has, of course, made political situations more stable of late years, but civil service is NOT OMNIPOTENT. The average man holding a political position feels when a new administration comes in that "the goblins 'll git him ef he don't watch out." This feeling of insecurity is liable to have a disquieting effect upon his work. Then, too, whether appointed or elected, he must spend considerable money and time in assisting the political administration which placed him in power. HE IS BOUND TO DO THIS or be ungrateful. The result is that the man who honestly saves money in a political job is a wonder.

As for leisure, that word is a stranger to his vocabulary. The opportunities for advancement are not better than in private business, IF AS GOOD. If a young man is fond of seeing his name in the papers, he is liable to have that feeling gratified more often if he is in the public service than he would in private business. This may be claimed as one of the DOUBTFUL advantages, appealing more to youth than to the congealed wisdom of middle or old age.

FOR THE WORK DONE IN PUBLIC SERVICE, THE CRITICISM, THE ANXIETIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND EVEN GREAT TRIUMPHS ACHIEVED, THE LEGITIMATE PECUNIARY RESULTS ARE THE POOREST IN ANY LINE OF BUSINESS ON EARTH. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO COMBINE BUSINESS AND POLITICS SUCCESSFULLY.

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