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**WEATHER.**

Fair; northwesterly winds.  
Fair; cooler.

**WANTED, TRACKLAYERS!**

The country is surfeited with railway surveyors, and has been for months. What is wanted now, and wanted badly, here, and elsewhere, are gangs of track-layers and bridge builders. With a dozen camps of these round about us, we can take a definite grasp on the future and count our chances with some certitude. The tracklayer is the antithesis of bluff, and the train the follows him the king-fact of railroad construction. They are the things that make men hustle and catch a new grip on conditions. The surveyor is a provocative, intangible, unreliable thing; of the stuff that "dreams are made of," and generally of as much account. Astoria awaits the coming of the solid, irrefutable, demonstrative proof that dwells in the hard and practical fist of the track-layer. With his coming she will rejoice and be glad and make the most of the advantage he brings with him.

**THE POLITICAL POT POURRI.**

The next national campaign in this country bids fair to be kaleidoscopic in a partizan sense; and in a measure, menacing to the two great parties. In the drains made upon the organic strength of each. There will be the socialists, the federated-tradists, the independents, the prohibitionists, the citizens, the laborites, and the mugwumps, with all their myriads of paltry little affiliates, besides a hundred-and-one fractional groups that can't tie to anything. It is well within the memory of the middle-aged citizen when there was nothing in the political field of America but the great republican and democratic organizations; and this widespread disintegration means something. It means that party alignment and cohesion are disrupted; that the political bit is being champed by millions of independent mouths at the instance of brains as self-reliant. It means more, far more; it means that the republican party MUST merge in its creed and curriculum, the best and safest, in whole or in part, of all these people long for; it means that no party is powerful enough to direct the collective aspirations of the masses, and that the greatest and strongest of the representative integrals, must take up the sponsorship for the truest and highest of the innovations and graft them into the organic system of the country. The years of denial to these people and their claims are bringing the bud and blossom of their hopes, and a few years more of contemptuous rejection and disparagement, will see the fruit of their purpose, wrought in an overwhelming leverage of numbers, and voting numbers at that. These concessions may be made with perfect safety and by such degrees, as will comfort the yearnings of those that hold them, and do no violence to the vital and fundamental teachings of the party that is foremost in the work of good for the nation. The lesson is obvious, and will bear the earnest scrutiny of every republican leader, and that without loss of time.

Japan thinks it will have its entire war debt paid by 1937. That is, of course, if the requirements of progress do not force it to lick a few other first-class powers in the meantime.

**ROOSEVELT, OR DEFEAT!**

There is nothing dangerous, nor threatening, in the conclusion that Mr. Roosevelt must permit the use of his name in the coming national campaign or see the party he stands for go down to defeat! It is simply one of those tremendous facts that arise, at vastly long intervals, in the history of the country, and is but another element of that history, an element that cannot be ignored, even by the subject of it, himself; and no man need lose any sleep because of the extremity to which the republican party, as such, is reduced. It does not necessarily indicate that the nation is in any sort of peril because one of its great parties is bereft of invincible material in its candidacy for the presidency; but it does indicate that there is one supreme duty left undone by the man whose duty-doing has made for the condition. Theodore Roosevelt will not sacrifice one atom of his manliness to anything controllable by human direction; nor will he mitigate, in the least, his exalted attitude before the people, by obeying their last, and loudest call, for his service in the on-coming presidential term. That the demand will be made goes without saying, and that he will answer it, simply, and honestly and manfully, is manifestly as sure. "What else can the poor man do?"

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

Life is too uncertain to be fooled away in trying to be handsome.

The world is run mainly by those who do not mind their own business.

You never need look for a job if you will just attend to the one you have.

The average man in business is willing to sell his customers what they ask for and get for them what they want.

Gather the children a bit closer to you now. Cuddle them often. It will not be so easy by and by. Keep the home nest warm for them just as long as you can. A cold home is the coldest spot in all the world.

The Japanese woman believes that clean clothes will keep a woman well. She thinks it is a portion of her religion to wear clean clothes. She worships clean linen and the shades of her ancestors. If rich she wears clean silk instead of clean linen and as much of it as possible.

The insurance of women is becoming quite as general as of men, and the majority of American companies now make no distinction in premium rates. They formerly charged more for women than for men, but the statistics of the companies covering a period of years shows that the risk on the lives of women is less than on the lives of men.

A man can't fool his wife with the same excuse more than four times, but her son can fool her with the same promise 300 times, and it will not show the least signs of wear.

**SCOTCHMAN SHOOTS GIRL.**

GUELPH, Ont., August 6.—Peter A. Wylie, a young Scotch emigrant, yesterday shot and killed the 13-year-old daughter of J. Swackhanner, his employer. Wylie was at work on Swackhanner's farm and wanted to go with the girl to a neighboring town. To this Swackhanner objected and in a rage Wylie shot the girl.

**SAVED JUST IN TIME.**

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Charles Walsh and his wife, with several women, were rescued from a disabled launch in the Niagara river yesterday, just as the craft was starting over the falls. The launch lost its propeller. Walsh tried to drop anchor but it did not hold. Then they shipped the oars and they snapped like pipstems in the attempt to move the heavy launch against the rapid current. One of the women tied a skirt to a broken oar and the attention of the people on shore was attracted. The party was rescued at the danger line.

**CASTRO FOOLED.**

NEW YORK, August 6.—Among the passengers who arrived yesterday on board the steamer Grenada, from Trinidad was General Antoni Peredes, of Venezuela. He was released from prison by President Castro some years ago with the expectation that he would assist Castro. He went to Trinidad instead.

The intense itching characteristic of salt rheum and eczema is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. As a cure for skin diseases this salve is unequalled. For sale by Frank Hart, leading druggist.

**"EAST LYNN."**

Lee Willard Company Delights Everyone With Its Playing at Star.

The Star theatre was packed to overflowing to witness the first performance of "East Lynn" by the Lee Willard Company. The piece went with a swing from the rise to the fall of the curtain. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on each member of this clever company for the way each handled the part allotted to them. Mr. Willard in the role of Archibald Carlyle, was all that could be desired, this part suited this talented actor to perfection. His scene with Lady Isabel in the last act, was very touching and many handkerchiefs were seen in the audience. The members of the company all did excellent. The costumes of the ladies were a feature of the bill. "East Lynn" will be repeated tonight and Wednesday and in Saturday's matinee.

**BALLOON ASCENSION.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The balloon Nirvana, carrying the owner, Dr. Julian P. Thomas, and the aeronaut, Roy Knabenschue, made an ascension last night shortly after dark from East 138th Street. An hour later the balloon was sighted, at an altitude of about one hundred feet, traveling over the sound near city plains and disappeared near Sands Point.

**NOTED CHEMIST DIES.**

BALTIMORE, Aug. 6.—Gustav W. Lehmann, widely known for his work in chemistry and bacteriology, died yesterday in his 63rd year. A native of Wiesbaden and a graduate of the university of that city, he was the official chemist of Baltimore and was one time United States chemist for this port. Of late years he had devoted himself chiefly to the chemistry of Hygiene and food products. He was a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and of the American Association for the advancement of Science.

**A Mystery Solved.**

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**TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.**

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Clatsop county, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the Court House as follows:

**For State Papers.**

Commencing Wednesday, August 8, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, August 10, at 4 o'clock, p. m. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, algebra.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, school law.

**For County Papers.**

Commencing Wednesday, August 8th, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, August 10th at 4 o'clock. First second and third grade certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

**Primary Certificates.**

Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, arithmetic, reading.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, physiology.

EMMA C. WARREN,  
Supt. of Clatsop Co.  
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