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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon, Western Washington—Fair and cooler, except near the coast.
Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho—Fair and continued warm.

PORTLAND'S PRESUMPTION.

When nature framed up the superficial contour of the earth, as the same is now hemmed by the State lines of Oregon, she was not prodigal of seaports, leaving but one real, natural, convenient, adequate port in all that territory, to wit, Astoria; which, by juxtaposition, extent, depths, and all marine requirements is the harbor, par excellence, of the American Pacific coast, barring, of course, San Francisco. Just why Portland should arrogate to herself the distinction of being a seaport requires so wild a stretch of imagination as to baffle most men. That she is a fine, growing, prosperous, commercial city, with a splendid future before her, no one will deny; but that she is a seaport, an actual marine city, either by contiguity or adaptability, there are plenty to deny, and among them the Astorian, and the people it stands for. That she has been able by an adept use of her prestige at home, at Washington, and at other effective points, to beguile a certain percentage of ocean traffic up 90 miles of one river and twelve miles of another, does not, and can never make her a seaport and the day is breaking that shall herald her discomfiture on this score. With one thousand miles of navigable water in the Columbia and water-level railways paralleling it from the highest sources of development, the commercial world is awakening to the tremendous fact that Astoria is the logical terminus for the export, over-sea business south of Puget Sound and north of San Francisco, and to the energizing influence of railroads that are building away from Portland, is this vital lesson due. Topographically, Astoria is identical with New York, only lesser in land scope, and greater in water dimensions; having a fine bay on either side of a peninsula, the westerly point of which is just ten miles from deep blue Pacific water; and continuing the likeness, she lies at the mouth of even a greater water way than the noble Hudson, for the Columbia surpasses that stream in latitude and volume, as the Hudson overshadows the Columbia in population, business, wealth and development. You cannot blindfold the world forever. The day of realization and reason and right judgment must come; and in this particular and fateful issue it is dawning swiftly, Portland with all her diplomacy, wealth and enterprise, to the contrary notwithstanding!

WELCOME, THRICE WELCOME!

Astoria has a happy fame abroad for the spontaneity of ordinary good cheer in the reception of the visitors, who flock daily, within her gates, on business bent, and her "glad hand" is known everywhere for the genuine friendliness of it. But tomorrow she puts forth both hands, each with a Regatta grip, the earnest tenseness of which means the uttermost she has to offer by way of cordial hospitality. She will be on dress parade and for three days will give herself over to the pleasant exigencies of her notable festival, and her welcome will have the twelve-fold energy and impulse of the accumulated "annuals" for which she is renowned. We do not care how many come; they will be taken

care of abundantly and comfortably and every hour of their stay will be made memorable by the manifest goodwill of a whole city centered in the custody of a group of committees who know their business thoroughly and do their duties gladly. Her gates are wide open! She has the triple welcome ready for the world, and the world is on its way here!

EVERYTHING.

There is a great difference in the haying tools used by the farmers now a days and those used by their fathers. Thirty or forty years ago the only haying cutting tool was the scythe and then there was a wooden hand rake and the steel tined pitch fork to make up the implements for taking care of a valuable crop. There was a lot of hard work connected with swinging the scythe through a long haying season, and men took great pride in their record and skill as good mowers. Today mowing with a scythe is practically a lost art. A few of the older men in a farming community can properly hang a scythe and lay a swath of timothy or clover, but the men of the present generation would make a sorry job of cutting even a ton of hay with a scythe. We now have splendid mowing machines, spring-steel-toothed rakes, hayloader, haytenders, and hay stackers, all run by horse power. Grandfather's only hayloader and hay-stacker was the simple pitchfork and it required much skill and muscle to transfer a crop of hay of a hundred tons from the meadow to the mow. Great is modern invention and the question naturally arises, will there be as much difference in the work in the hayfield in the next thirty years as the past thirty years have developed.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The rural mail routes were established for the benefit of rural homes or in other words, the farmers. They have proven a greater benefit and blessing to the farmers than was anticipated by the most sanguine. A farmer who has once enjoyed the advantages of the rural mail service would hardly know how to live without it. It did not come to the farmer, however, until he had many times earned it. The farmers are our heaviest taxpayers. What property they have is in plain sight and is taxed, while the city man, at least many of them, who deals in notes and bonds, is enabled to hide his wealth from the assessor. For a quarter of a century the mail has been carried to the city home, not once, but many times each day. Finally the big heart of Uncle Sam has reached out to the men who feed the world.

Government reports indicate a continuance of the prosperity which the country has experienced for several years. The grain crop of 1906 contents the farmers. The total wheat crop is estimated at 760,000,000 bushels, an increase of about 10 per cent over last year. The corn crop is estimated at 2,650,000,000 bushels. Other grains, except oats, show an increase. This means that the farmer will have more money to spend and all lines of trade will share in the benefit of abundant harvests.

Hay is going to be high in price this year, and because of that, special pains should be taken to save plenty of good corn fodder. Horses and young cattle can be brought through the winter in splendid shape if they have access to properly matured corn fodder. Don't delay cutting it until the leaves are dry. When the corn is nicely dented, it is a good plan to put it in shock, or into the silo for that matter.

The sugar beet industry in the United States has grown enormously and has a promising future. There are at this time 52 factories with a capacity of 40,550 tons a year, which distribute annually \$26,300,000 among farmers and pay to workmen \$13,500,000 in wages. There are now building 12 factories with a capacity of 9,150 tons.

Harvest hands are getting from \$2 to \$2.75 a day in the Northwestern wheat fields and a cry goes up for 20,000 more men. The demand is not only from the harvest fields, but also from the railroad companies because of extensive construction work.

Fifteen thousand men are needed in Minnesota, Iowa and the two Dakotas to harvest the crop and about a thousand are available. The wages offered by the farmers range from \$1.75 to \$3.00 a day and board, but the jobs go begging.

Upward of 250,000 acres are devoted to grape culture in California, which State produces more than two-thirds of the entire grape output of the country, the annual production of wine being over 30,000,000 gallons.

The Canadian harvests are incredibly great and the farmers are crying for help to garner the grain as badly as are American farmers.

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A witness of the accident explained the manner of Hoch's death to the police, and to illustrate the occurrence mounted the chair and touched the same switch. He received a shock that felled him senseless to the floor and a physician had difficulty in reviving him.

Summer Diarrhoea in Children.

During the hot weather of the summer months the first unnatural looseness of a child's bowels should have immediate attention, so as to check the disease before it becomes serious. All that is necessary is a few doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy followed by a dose of Castor oil to cleanse the system. Rev. M. O. Stockland, pastor of the first M. E. Church of Little Falls, Minn., writes: "We have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for several years and find it a very valuable remedy, especially for summer disorders in children." Sold by Frank Hart, leading druggist.

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