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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho— Rain.

ASTORIA'S PEREMPTORY DUTY.

In the light of all reasonable probabilities it is absolutely essential that the city of Astoria shall get herself in line for the proper reception and careful nurture of the good things that are due to arrive in a fairly near future.

She must clear her municipal skirts of everything that discredits and hampers her; get on the credit side of her ledgers and stay there (a very small matter at this moment and easily accomplished); adopt a safe and workable charter and adapt herself speedily to its wisest provisions; purge herself of some of the civic uncleanness from which she suffers, not all undeservedly, abroad; reduce her taxes and get her markets within the scope of the ordinary poor man's income; clean up, externally and internally, and do those things tacitly required of a healthy normal city of her size.

This is plain home talk and it is meant for the utter and only good of the municipality. Her leading men must take things in hand and bring about radical changes (irrespective of politics), that will conduce to her popularity abroad and her rightful development at home. She expects to be a railroad and shipping center very soon and the signs are favorable for these realizations, but to bring them sooner and in more effective shape and volume, to achieve all that is wrought of such development she must be in civic and moral aptitude for its assimilation.

She has every natural advantage in the world to make her one of the great depots of the earth, but she, like the individual about to be invested with new responsibilities, must take on the status of worthiness and innate strength, inseparable from the trust. Her growth demands it. The wise Astorian knows it; and heedlessness has gone far enough to make the task very hard, yet certain of accomplishment if the potentialities of pride and prudence are invoked.

THE CANDOR OF THE FELON.

The candor of the man behind the bars is the most merciless of all testimony when it is given against his fellow-criminals on the hither side of the jail door. S. A. D. Puter is a case in point. His shameless and bitter story of the complicity of Mays in the dreadful scandal oppressing Oregon, may be indubitably true, but there is not a man in the state but will apply the kindly "grain of salt" to the tale for sheer humanity's sake. All would far rather see the record built upon some other predicate than the vicious and vengeful revelations of this arch-thief. Such evidence as his can never pass in public review, as unbiased, unadulterated and entirely convincing.

The island of Java contains 40,000 square miles, not half as large as the State of Oregon, and only one-half of its surface is land that can be cultivated or about 20,000 square miles, and it supports a population of 30,000,000 people. Oregon has perhaps twice as much tillable land as Java, having more than twice as much area, and with as great a population to the square mile would support 60,000,000 people, or almost as many as all the inhabitants of the United States at this time.

"WITH REASONABLE CERTAINTY."

The law of the land is not likely to bother itself with the universal hubbub now noticeable in relation to reformed spelling. For ages, ever since human communication has been had by means of marks and figures and types, the common-sense, organic rule of law has been that all is admissible if it shall be construed "with reasonable certainty." This being the case, the seekers after phonetic brevity may proceed with all care and diligence in their self-imposed task; but they are respectfully warned not to so distort the current language that it cannot be construed in open court with reasonable certainty, or they will invoke an agency that may dampen their ardor and disrupt their ideals.

CUBA IN ERUPTION.

How long will Uncle Sam put up with the "pup" rebellions over in Cuba? His patience will not last through many of the "uprisings" we opine, because he is not used to the theory of rebellion and has strict notions of his own about loyalty and good government and peace and a few other concomitants in the art of national control. Of course, Cuba belongs to the Cubans, in a far-fetched, polite sort of way, but the responsibility for Cuban independence and prosperity is one of Uncle Sam's vest-pocket memos' to which he will revert in good time, and when he does there will be a period of "licking things into shape" over there that will be a revelation to the swarthy denizens of the "Pearl of the Indies."

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A Michigan capitalist who died recently left twenty-seven wills. He must have been determined that his heirs should not live in idleness.

The pope showed his knowledge of practical and temporal affairs the other day when he greeted two American automobilists: "God bless you—but go slow."

It is estimated that the coal fields of China and Japan are 200,000 square miles; ours are 194,000; Great Britain's 9,000; Germany's 3,600; France's 1,600; Russia's 27,000; India's 35,000.

The eight muscles of the human jaw exert a force of about five hundred pounds and yet they are at times unable to drive the teeth thru a mouthful of packing house beef that has been under treatment in the hospital of one of the institutions.

If you are a married man do not let your wife convince you that the new dress with the short sleeves is cheaper than the other kind. To be in fashion she must have a pair of silk gloves over two feet long to cover up the bare places.

We wouldn't give to our dogs some of the patent medicine dopes that are frequently sold to ailing folks. If you are sick, consult a competent physician. Don't buy medicine which your physician can not indorse.

If every crow in the United States eats 112 grains of corn after it is planted, the amount of corn lost that would have developed would be 67-415,688,000 grains of corn, or enough to plant 511,488 2-3 acres which, in turn produce 3,581,832 2-9 bushels of corn enough crops to treble the corn crop of Missouri and make 3,542 gallons and 3 pints of pure Vermont maple sirup.

Kansas is to have about the queerest issue on record in the coming political campaign in that state. The farmers, in order to use up the surplus cotton crop, demand the passage of a law that every shirt and shirt tail in the state shall be lengthened one inch. The chairmen of both the Democratic and Republican committees decline to entertain the proposed issue on the ground that in case of an extreme shortage of the cotton crop, a reversal of the remedy might prove exceedingly embarrassing.

What may be expected from the free alcohol bill just passed by congress may be gathered from the result of a like measure in Germany. There the amount of alcohol used for industrial purposes amounted in 1904 to 101,000,000 gallons. Of this 80,000,000 gallons was extracted from potatoes, 18,000,000 from grain and 3,000,000 from molasses, or the by-products of beet sugar. The cost in Germany was about 15 cents a gallon. It is mixed with 15 to 30 per cent of benzole, so that it cannot be used for drinking purposes. In this country alcohol can be made much cheaper than in Germany. It can be manufactured out of refuse corn, refuse potatoes,

grain or other things that now are practically wasted. It can be used as a substitute for gasoline, wood, coal or almost any other fuel, and at so low a cost as must soon render its use general even for house warming.

John Jacob Astor is said to be the largest private owner of automobiles in this country. They number twenty-four, the average cost of about \$5,000, making a total of \$120,000 invested in his machines.

The Scientific American gives this recipe for a cheap and durable paint for farm buildings: Stir into a gallon of milk about three pounds of Portland cement, and add sufficient Venetian red, or any other colored paint powder to give a good color. The milk will hold the powder in solution, but the cement, being heavy, will sink to the bottom. So it is necessary to keep the mixture well stirred up with a paddle while applying it; and, as its efficiency depends upon administering a good coating of cement, it is not safe to trust its application to untrustworthy hands. Six hours after applying this paint will be as immovable and unaffected by water as a smooth-old paint. We have known of buildings twenty years old in which the wood is well preserved by it.

STARVING TO DEATH.

Because her stomach was so weakened by useless drugging that she could not eat, Mrs. Mary H. Walters, of St. Clair St., Columbus, O., was literally starving to death. She writes: "My stomach was so weak from useless drugs that I could not sleep; and not before I was given up to die was I induced to try Electric Bitters; with the wonderful result that improvement began at once, and a complete cure followed." Best health Tonic on earth. 50c. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

FOR 8-HOUR DAY.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—A fight for an 8-hour working day, which will affect more than 200,000 workers in the various metal industries is to be launched in Chicago next Monday. Delegates from every local organization of metal trades workers in America will meet to form an international federation, which will collect funds and carry on the fight.

These organizations do not expect to ask that the change actually take place for probably four years, but a committee will take up the work of securing funds, educating the workers and doing all the preliminary work necessary to prepare the men for the struggle if one must come.

WELL WORTH TRYING.

W. H. Brown, the popular pension attorney of Pittsfield, Vt., says: "Next to a pension, the best thing to get is Dr. King's New Life Pills." He writes: "They keep my family in splendid health." Quick cure for Headache, Constipation and Biliousness. 25c. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

SHOULD REDUCE RATES.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—President Stickney of the Chicago Great Western, differs radically from most of the higher officials on most phases of the rate question, but he stands with them in contending that there should be no general reduction of rates. Mr. Stickney was in Chicago yesterday, having come here to attend the Great Western's annual meeting.

"I don't think railroad rates on the average are too high in the United States," said Mr. Stickney. "What is needed is not a horizontal reduction, but equalization. The Pennsylvania charges about the same per ton per mile as the Great Western, although the density of its traffic is much greater. Probably our rates are too low, while the Pennsylvania's are too high. We are making money at the present rates, but should the country become less prosperous there is no certainty that we could continue to do so. Rates generally in the Northwest are too low, compared with those in the East." This annual meeting of the Great Western was the fourteenth. J. W. Lusk, M. D. Flower, and R. C. Wright were re-elected as directors.

PAYS BIG DUTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The Western Sugar Refinery yesterday paid into the customs house \$97,876 duty on raw sugar brought from the Philippines on the British steamer Seminole. The total duty was \$103,876, but \$5,400 was paid at Manila on export duty and taxes. The amount paid here, 25 per cent less than the amount on sugar from a foreign country, does not go into the United States treasury, but into the Philippines fund.

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