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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Possibly showers, and cooler.

ASTORIA'S POSITION.

In the communication signed by "Observer" and published in this issue of the Morning Astorian, there is a tacit hint that Astoria is super-aggressive in the matter of its solicitude towards railroads and transportation enterprises generally.

Astoria, from its very situation, at the mouth of a great river; as the entrepot of a great metropolis, its contiguity to the broad Pacific, its own vital necessities as a sea-port and an exporting center, is, and must be, devotedly interested in the widest possible development of the best, the quickest, the most direct, frequent, easiest, safest schemes of transportation possible to be brought into the State of Oregon.

We do not begrudge an atom of success to Portland or any other community in the broad state, if only the right of Astoria to decent and equitable consideration in the immense deals is taken into account and made something of; but we resist, and rebel, logically effectual and altogether beyond the pale and honestly, against the cold-blooded doctrine that we are small, remote, un-estimated in the very things that we know we must figure in at some not remote day in the future.

Oregon may be grid ironed with railways until her remotest camp of industry is tapped and made accessible and resourceful; her every marine gateway may be thrown wide open to the largeness of the world and for her contributions to it, so long as Astoria is in the deal somewhere; so long as she is fairly treated in the great game. It is the direct, unblushing course of re-putation imposed by the one controlling influence in the state, that calls forth our fighting propensities, and ineffectual as they have appeared to be, to date, we have abundant and unswerving confidence in their final potentialities, and will prosecute them to the end of it all, and the need of them shall have vanished.

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day is yet to come; and if she does what she may to give old time a "hunch," she need not be blamed, at home, nor abroad.

"ASTORIA TOUGHS."

We are credibly informed by the dispatches from Salem yesterday morning, that the desperate murder at St. Paul, in Marion county, on Tuesday night, was due to the presence and active participation of "some Astoria toughs." We are amazed at the insinuation. Astoria has not lost any of its toughs that it knows of; at least they have not been missed, even by the police; they are, apparently, all here, and faring flourishingly.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

According to the latest statistics Uncle Sam is the world's greatest business man.

Mrs. Thaw has announced that she intends to "tell all," and those of us who haven't forgotten how may as well prepare to blush.

If there is no way for a bank examiner to detect a crooked bank, what is the use of bank examiners? The straight bank does not need any.

Bandmaster Sousa fears that the graphophone and pianolas will ruin the taste of the people for real music. There are no accompanying gesticulations.

Give expression to your best thoughts. You will be surprised to find how interesting you can be to yourself.

Young women addicted to golf are securing young girls as caddies. So there's another masculine occupation changing hands.

Women have not only become more robust, but they are a thousand times happier than in the old days when it was the fashion to be delicate and enjoy poor health.

Most employers say that they prefer small women as saleswomen and general helpers, explaining that they are naturally more energetic and get about more quickly.

Women should smoke cigarettes to preserve their complexion and avoid heart disease which results from tea drinking, says Dr. Martin Friedrich, health officer of Cleveland.

How is the crop of boys and girls at your house this year? Good? Glad of it! No matter whether the corn and wheat and all things go wrong, if the harvest of young folks is all right.

Russian women already have as much freedom as any of their sex in Europe, quite as much as the English, and much more than those of any other continental country except the Swiss and Scandinavians.

Dress has a great deal to do with the general outline of the figure. The short girl toggled in ruffles and wearing a perfectly flat hat looks as if she had been pounded on the head and molded to shorter proportions.

The total number of women inhabiting India, says the Tribune, is 143,956,447, out of which 25,891,936 are widows, which means that out of every five there is one widow. The Hindus carry the highest number of widows, which is 19,738,468.

During the last ten years the American girl has grown up. That's not saying that Uncle Sam's daughters haven't been always full-sized, but the tendency toward physical culture development has added several inches to the average feminine figure.

Skirts are to be no longer than they've been for many a glad day, so says the Paris people. But an inch and a half from the ground instead of the three inches from the ground we've been used to is all the concession American women are expected to make.

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Warships Should Be Limited by International Agreement

By Captain A. T. MAHAN, U. S. N., Retired



How long is the present race OF SIZE in shipbuilding, with steadily increasing cost, to be maintained? In all nations the responsible authorities soon will have to recognize that naval development has become a mere matter of international competition, to which no logical—and, what is more important, NO PRACTICAL—end is in sight.

This cannot endure indefinitely; sooner rather than later the representatives of the people will intervene, and, as usual under such circumstances, will do something MORE RADICAL THAN BENEFICIAL unless anticipated by well weighed professional suggestions.

Eliminate the question of size, and other qualities will fall rapidly into their true RELATIVE proportions. How shall this be done? I see no way save by INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, as, for instance, an accepted limitation that no naval vessel should be built exceeding a certain displacement. With that sole restriction, leave the question of classes, speeds, armaments, numbers, to the determination of each state. Undoubtedly such limitation would affect countries differently. One with relatively shoal waters would be advantaged by a size not transcending the channels of her ports, but those enjoying greater depths might protect themselves in the negotiations without sacrificing the principle of SOME limitation.

It is said the suggested limitation would be artificial. Doubtless, but all conventions simply are artificial methods of solving difficulties which, in the nature of things, cannot otherwise be overcome; the remedies of the physician are artificial means for combatting a disorder of nature, and the nature of things naval has constituted now a set of conditions in the obviating of which all nations are interested, though not all equally.

The original motive of the first Hague conference was the limitation of armaments. As far as known to me, no well reasoned plan for attaining this end was then submitted, and the question of arbitration took precedence of all others. It remains to be seen whether anything more definite in the way of ARREST OF EXPENDITURE will come before the next conference.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT NATIONS WILL CONSENT TO RESTRICT THE AGGREGATE STRENGTH OF THEIR NAVIES BY ANY OTHER METHOD THAN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR OWN DISCRETION, BUT IT MIGHT BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE RACE FOR GREAT SIZE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIGHER SPEED WITHOUT THE SACRIFICE OF OTHER QUALITIES HAS NO GOAL ATTAINABLE.

FEDERATED ARTISTS.

Price of Seats Will Be Abnormally Advanced Later.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The variety artists' Federation, representing Great Britain and the International Artists' Lodge, representing the Continent of Europe, are joining forces for mutual protection and recently sent a delegate to New York to seek the co-operation of the White Rats, and so form an international body with a membership of 10,000.

To protect themselves against such a formidable organization the European land. The commanding officer at Bremen formed a federation, taking in the proprietors of practically every variety theater in Europe. Today Oswald Stroll, representing the managers, left for New York with the purpose of arranging with American managers a common policy against the forcing tactics on the part of the performers.

TALE OF THE SEA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The bark Nicholas Thayer some time since reported as missing, was seen going to her doom by men on board the steamer Jennie, according to a report received yesterday at the Merchants' Exchange. The Jennie reports that on April 6th at 9:30 p. m., the Nicholas Thayer crossed her bows under short-ened sail and was standing inshore. A gale was blowing from the southwest at the time, and the people on board the Jennie thought that the Nicholas Thayer would be lost. The Jennie was bound from Cook's Inlet for Prince William Sound. The steamer Portland was lying at Point Gorr for two days during the same gale, unable to make headway. The Nicholas Thayer has since been posted at Lloyds as missing with all hands.

"TO CURE A FELON,"

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RESIGNED BY WHOLESALE.

Officers of Pacific Coast Artillery Lay Down Their Jobs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Major Francis S. V. Keesling, commanding the First Battalion of coast artillery of San Francisco, has resigned. His resignation has been promptly followed by that of the following officers of his staff:

Lieutenant Joseph M. O'Hara, the adjutant of the battalion, and that of Lieutenant C. Edward Gilman, the quartermaster; Lieutenant L. R. Cofer, commissary and Assistant Surgeon Dr. Frank S. Emmel. It is also on the cards that the resignations of the line officers of the battalion will be in the hands of the adjutant general of the state within 24 hours.

The reasons assigned for these wholesale resignations of the officers of the guard is that they have not been able to procure for their men suitable and proper equipment and they think it is folly, under present conditions, to attempt to hold up the membership of their commands without getting the clothing for the men.

OIL, AND WATERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The Union Oil company of this city has just completed its pipe line across the Isthmus of Panama and within forty-five days it will be supplying Atlantic seaboard cities with California fuel oil. The pipe line is to be operated in connection with tank steamers on both the Atlantic and Pacific sides. In length the pipe line is fifty two miles. Oil will be pumped over the Culebra grade at the rate of 25,000 barrels a day.

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.

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