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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair.

KEEP THE COAST IN VIEW.

The fundamental duty of the live Astorian is to keep in view, constantly and loyally, the development of the Oregon coast country. He is now thoroughly informed on the subject of the Columbia river bar; he is told by Col. W. S. Roessler, the competent, and we believe, the conscientious, engineer in charge of the jetty work there, that the work must be finished in its entirety, that the funds therefor must come in toto, in order that intelligent and final completion shall be wrought, without the wrecking lapses that permit the havoc of the sea upon all that has been accomplished and the consequent re-building over and over again, of a vital and costly work. He is told by Congressmen Ransdell and Jones, both members of the great committee in which such huge matters originate, that the \$2,500,000 necessary for its full and final accomplishment of the project, cannot be had next year, and, assuming that they know what they are talking about, and voice the sentiment of their colleagues in the House, and on the committee, it may be taken as conclusive of a long hiatus in the affairs at the mouth of the river.

This being the accepted status of the bar question, it devolves upon us all out here on the coast to turn our attention for the time being to the issues of next and relative importance, the railroad extensions into this county and Tillamook, from here and from the interior. It is absolutely essential that Astoria wake up and get in touch with the belts of country to be traversed by the Lytle and Hammond lines; cultivate the farmers, the dairymen, the millmen, the miners, and all the forces that are to contribute business to these important feeders. Establish a knowledgeable and appreciative intercourse with these people, make them our commercial friends, find out what they want in the way of export and terminal facilities, and lay the predicate for an expansive and profitable business for this city after the railways shall have been built. There is no time to lose. Portland and other interested centers are actively engaged in this very matter right now and it is up to Astoria to open the ball on her own account in prompt and intelligent fashion, or lose the cream of the trade to the keener communities. She is on the ground or nearest to it, and she will have only herself to blame, if she is out-bidden and out-riden.

BIG STICK IN CUBA.

The bumptious Cubans are going to keep up their little farcical rebellion until it becomes necessary for their Uncle Samuel to stride over there with his big stick and end the ruction; and it is likely that his manner of doing it will have a tendency to discourage the pup-generals in all future deviations of the sort. Of course, he can't very well kill off the rebel brood at one fell swoop, but he can put a crimp in their ambitions that will not unravel itself for years to come, and that is what they need. Heretofore they have had to contend with their own kind, the factious, the organic home rebel, the

free-lance in uniform and the sympathetic regulator, men who fought only for an opening in which to comfortably shift their ground and become bureaucrats themselves, but with federal interference from this country, it will be a hard and cold contention with forces that mean business and do as they are told, free from all personal interests of their own and perfectly satisfied to obey orders. The sooner the better for all concerned.

THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

To declare Esther Mitchell and Maud Creffield absolutely insane, to incarcerate them in a home for the insane, and keep them there for the terms of their natural lives, is undoubtedly the best possible way to bring the dreadful story of which they are now the central figures to an end; and spare the public of the Northwest the further cost and annoyance of prolonged action in the open courts. That they are mad is the kindest conclusion within reach of a people who desire to forget and be rid of them, and their crowd; and the sooner they are thus dispensed of, the quicker the nauseating taste will die out of the mouths of men and a foul and vicious chapter in the history of the country will be brought to a grateful finish. If the wretched cult shows its head in the Northwest again there will be ample knowledge and experience in the hands of the courts, backed by an educated public opinion, to quickly deal with, and eradicate, the accursed evil.

11,000,000 DEAD LETTERS.

More than 11,000,000 pieces of mail went astray in these United States last year because they were not directed well enough for the experts to decipher the names and addresses. Millions of this immense total went to the dead letter office, where a lot of it was opened the addresses of the writers ascertained and the letters or packages returned. But in a good many cases the writer's address is never found and the letter is really "dead," when neither the sender nor the prospective receiver can be discovered. Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw wants to get people into the habit of writing their own addresses on the outside of the envelope. This, he says, would save trouble for all hands.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Swim with the tide and look pleasant. It's more than the czar can do!

Diamonds continue to advance. Suffering along New York's Rialto!

It's hard for the Cubans to get over the revolution habit.

A rich Pennsylvanian has hired a trained nurse for his sick bulldog.

The one hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Pike's Peak is about to be celebrated.

The Cuban congress has authorized the president to spend \$1,000,000 to encourage immigration.

There are but four days in the year when the sun and clock exactly correspond. In other words, there are but four days of the 365 in which the sun is directly south at noon.

The 15th of April and the 17th of June, remember, August 31 and 24th of December. On these four days (and none else in the year), The sun and clock both the same time declare.

It is announced that the Pennsylvania Railroad company is building a large number of all-steel cars for passenger traffic, which are expected to be practically indestructible, and that the company contemplates equipping its entire passenger service with such cars as rapidly as they can be built.

Niagara river is 36 miles long from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. It has a fall of 334 feet. The river is dotted with 36 islands of which Grand Island is the largest, containing 17,334 acres of land. Goat Island of which so much has been told, is just above the great falls and contains about 70 acres.

Tremendous frauds have been discovered in the operation of the Siberian railway. Even the cars seem to have been taken apart and sold by the agents of the government. So far it has been learned that 1,500 cars have completely disappeared, and no trace of them can be found. A shortage of \$350,000 has been found in the accounts of one agent and the investigation has scarcely begun.

A Poem for Today

SONG OF THE BROOK

By Alfred Tennyson

I COME from haunts of cool and fern; I make a sudden sally And sparkle out among the fern Toicker down the valley. By thirty hills I hurry down Or slip between the ridges, By twenty thorns, a little town And half a hundred bridges. Till last by Philip's farm I flow To join the brimming river, For men may come and men may go, But I go on forever. I chatter over stony ways In little sharps and trebles, I bubble into eddying bays, I babble on the pebbles. With many a curve my banks I fret By many a field and fallow And many a fairy foreland set With willow weed and mallow. I chatter, chatter as I flow To join the brimming river, For men may come and men may go, But I go on forever.

World Does Not Owe Anybody a Living

By Rev. Dr. NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS of New York

YOUNG men should not make the mistake at the outset of their career of saying, "The world owes me a living." Of all the black lies that ever defaced the page of a man's life THAT IS THE BLACKEST. The world does not owe you a living, but instead you owe the world a million million livings. You can NEVER REPAY what the world has done for you. There are men living in palaces in Fifth avenue and in palaces in Great Britain who are as surely FINANCED PAUPERS as if they lived in hovels and were supported by the state, and there are women who carry a donkey's load of finery on their backs who should also be classed as paupers because of the little that they give to the world in proportion to what they receive.



The French revolution will be as a match in the night in comparison with the revolution Russia is soon to have, and the aristocrats will reap what they have sown in fire-brands AND BULLETS.

For the last few weeks we have been listening to endless attacks on property. We have heard we are going to the devil because we are too rich a country; that we need to go back to the days when we could not boast so much wealth. But what this country needs isn't more poverty, but MORE MANHOOD TO USE THE PROPERTY WE HAVE. God meant men to go toward wealth; he wants us to multiply our possessions. The trouble is not that we are too rich, but our knowledge, our intellectuality, our honesty, have not kept in advance of our property as they should have done.

WE NEED TO COME BACK TO THE CONVICTIONS OF OUR FATHERS AND SPIRITUALIZE OUR WEALTH AND PROPERTY.

A TRULY IDEAL WIFE

HER HUSBAND'S BEST HELPER

Vigorous Health is the Great Source of Power to Inspire and Encourage—All Women Should Seek It.

One of the most noted, successful and richest men of this century, in a recent article, has said, "Whatever I am and whatever success I have attained in this world I owe all to my wife. From the day I first knew her she has been an inspiration, and the greatest help-mate of my life."



Mrs. Bessie Ainsley

To be such a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband, to inspire him to make the most of himself, should be a woman's constant study.

If a woman finds that her energies are flagging, that she gets easily tired, dark shadows appear under her eyes, she has backache, headaches, bearing-down pains, nervousness, irregularities or the blues, she should start at once to build up her system by a tonic with specific powers, such as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Following we publish by request a letter from a young wife:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham: "Ever since my child was born I have suffered, as I hope few women ever have, with inflammation, female weakness, bearing-down pains, backache and wretched headaches. It affected my stomach so I could not enjoy my meals, and half my time was spent in bed. "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me a well woman, and I feel so grateful that I am glad to write and tell you of my marvelous recovery. It brought me health, new life and vitality."—Mrs. Bessie Ainsley, 611 1/2 10th Street, Tacoma, Wash.

What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Ainsley it will do for every sick and ailing woman.

If you have symptoms you don't understand write to Mrs. Pinkham, daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free and always helpful.

The Cuban rebels—should any survive—ought to protest against the Cuban government's permitting Colonel Avalos' abbreviating warfare by employing an American and his machine gun. The only incomprehensible thing about the rebel loss of 300 men and the loyalists' loss of one, is how that one could have strayed so far from behind the machine gun.

We are told that an old lady in Readsboro, Vermont, who is more than 73 years old, has subsisted principally upon crackers since she was a girl of ten. Her name is Cynthia Jillson and the crackers she has consumed number over 500,000, and would fill 325 barrels. She has munched crackers for breakfast, crackers for dinner and crackers for supper. She must be the—

Old woman who lived on a Green Mountain state hill, And if not dead or gone she lives there still, Crackers and drink formed her chief diet, And sorrowful to relate this old lady could never keep quiet.

A million feet or more a day is the rate at which the Columbia river lumber mills are now eating into the Oregon forests. The mills are running day and night and Sundays, and steamers, square riggers and schooners, lie ready at the wharves to load every stick of timber as soon as it leaves the saws. Even before the San Francisco disaster the demand for Oregon fir was very heavy and the mills were turning out all that seemed possible. Since the disaster the demand is still greater. It means present prosperity for Oregon, no doubt, but what of the forests and the future, particularly in view of the wasteful methods of Oregon lumbering?

In this sign they conquer— Business, church and scholars; Everybody gets on top When he has the \$\$\$\$\$\$. —The Bohemian for September.

Catspaw Customers.



The story of the monkey who used the cat's paw to pull the chestnuts out of the fire, finds new illustrations daily. When a dealer sells a customer a substitute for MENNEN'S BORATED TALCUM, he does so because the substitute pays him a bigger profit. He makes the customer his catspaw to rake in a few extra dollars. It is not pleasant to be made a catspaw, especially when you pay for the opportunity of being injured. Is it not foolish to pay for the opportunity to use injurious imitations of MENNEN'S BORATED TALCUM, the standard powder of the world? Think it over. Have you tried MENNEN'S VIOLET BORATED TALCUM TOILET POWDER? Ladies partial to violet perfume will find Mennen's Violet Powder fragrant with the odor of fresh plucked Parma violets. For sale everywhere for 25 cents, or mailed postpaid on receipt of price, by GERHARD MENNEN CO., New ark, N. J.



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