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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon, Western Washington—Fair, except near coast.
- Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Idaho—Fair.

ASTORIA WATER COMMISSION.

The Morning Astorian desires to go on record at once and in the most understandable way as against any tampering whatever with the status of the Astoria Water Commission.

In the first place there is no call for any interference with the situation as it stands. The commission is in the hands of men of conspicuous and acceptable standing in this community; they meet with regularity and unanimity; they keep the affairs of the commission entirely up to date, and in a shape that is wholly commendable, and satisfactory to the public they serve; they are doing the best possible for the interests of the city in all matters of finance and service; their work is done openly, publicly and is fully and accurately reported to the citizens; there is no "star-chamber" element about it and what they have done to date has received the uniform endorsement of the people of all shades of political opinion.

Any attempt to change the status, or personnel of the commission, in the palpable absence of all cause for such change, will be promptly construed as an effort to warp the office and its business into city politics and this will be resented by every honest house and property holder in the community. There will be, and is, no other reasonable conclusion to be entertained, and it will be fought to the last ditch by every Astorian who has the good, the safety, of the city and its affairs, at heart.

It is, happily, necessary to submit this matter to the people at the coming primaries, and there can be no doubt of the issue there, if we know anything of prevalent and popular opinion on the subject; and if, by any mischance or jugglery it passes the initial vote here, those responsible for the momentary success will find the end of the issue only in the supreme court of the state.

It is the one wholesome and thoroughly satisfactory element of the administration of public affairs in the City of Astoria, and its denaturalization into a potent and nasty political agency will be strenuously and bitterly opposed and with abounding success in the end.

INCAPABLE OF FAIRNESS.

No newspaper owned by a corporation having private interests to serve at the expense of the general public, and conducted to promote corporation ends can be a success, because it cannot print the news fairly and fully; cannot stand for the interests of the public when they clash with the designs of organized capital; cannot treat public questions from a disinterested standpoint. The corporation organ is merely the mouthpiece of private greed; it is simply one of the agencies employed to promote corporation schemes, a tool for corporate interests. It is folly to expect such a journal to advocate measures, however necessary and beneficial

to the public, to which its corporation masters are opposed; that is precisely what it is maintained not to do. When a corporation defies the law or imposes on the public, its journalistic parasite is supposed to earn its keep by defending the lawlessness and imposition. The people soon find this out, and refuse to either be led by monopoly sheets or regard them as genuine newspapers. That is why the corporation organ is invariably a failure financially as well as a fraud as a purveyor of news. Millions have been sunk in the effort to make newspapers maintained to serve corporate interests popular and self-sustaining, but in every instance the result has been failure. The organ is impotent to mould public opinion; it loses money as a business proposition, and it makes enemies instead of friends for the corporation that maintains it.—Oakland Tribune.

NURSE MAN A NEW FEATURE.

The nurse man is a new feature in a southern city. A young couple blessed with three boys, ranging in age from seven to three years, after trying a series of nursemaids, each of whom had found the little men too much of a handful, engaged a man to look after them. The experiment is pronounced to be a success. The man is in the middle twenties, refined and educated. His understanding of little boy nature is said to be complete, and he supplements his regular duties of feeding, bathing, exercise, etc., by teaching the lads how to build boats, whittle wood into fascinating shapes, ride, drive and swim. The plan will commend itself to many parents of young boys who have not the time to devote to their little ones themselves and have the means to provide an attendant. But the children are to be pitied if the scheme means that the parents have nothing to do with their training and care.

TWO HUNDRED CARLOADS.

Six thousand tons of school supplies were distributed among the public schools of Chicago last week. One has no conception of this vast amount until he goes into a little detail and even then it is very vague. Some idea of this enormous supply in the way of books, erasers, crayons, etc., can be had when you are told it would fill 200 freight cars making a train one and one-half miles in length, or if thrown together on a large pile it would be as high as the Masonic Temple of Chicago, over 200 feet high.

THE STREET CAR CONDUCTOR.

This morning a correspondent who has "just come from England" complains that conductors elbow their way through crowded cars, and, unlike the London busman, never say "thank you" when collecting a fare. In view of the work done by a New York conductor—signaling at nearly every street crossing for the car to stop and start, collecting and ringing up fares, and in open cars running along the footboard like a monkey, or dodging to prevent his skull being cracked by contact with the pillars of the "L" roads, we are willing to dispense with formal thanks every time we hand over a nickel.

We have much more fault to find with ill bred and utterly inconsiderate passengers—many of whom are well-dressed and would resent a statement of the plain truth that they are bores—than with overworked and irritated conductors. A very large percentage of the existing discomfort is directly caused by the behavior of these rude persons, and they are not all of the male sex, either.—N. Y. Herald.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

British delegates to the world's Woman's Christian Temperance union convention, to be held in Boston this month, are in the United States and have been visiting Washington. They express great admiration for President Roosevelt, saying, "We think our king is the cleverest man in the world, but after him we place Mr. Roosevelt." The president will surely send a nice message to the convention after getting such a compliment.

The chef in Mrs. Ogden Goelet's summer home at Newport, R. I., went on a drunken rampage the other day and did \$200 damage in the culinary department. But he was a "royal chef" in the sense that his equal was not to be had, and Mrs. Goelet put up with the loss rather than lose his services. There's nothing like being at the head of your profession.

Senator William Pinkney Whyte of Maryland says: "There never was a time when democratic principles and policies called so actively on their devotees to defend them from the heresies of professors of democracy than in the present hour." Who are the heretics?

New Yorkers are being regaled with long accounts of martial infelicities in the households of Senator Thomas C. Platt and Howard Gould, with rumors of divorce court proceedings. Many persons will not be surprised at such a denouement in either case.

Those who wish to exercise the privilege and duty of citizens in the coming elections have but a short time yet in which to register. All ought to be

interested in the election of good men to the various offices, and should qualify themselves to vote.

Mrs. Alonzo Pickle of Nebraska was asked for divorce from Lon because of his cruelty. She didn't happen to pick the right one of the fifty-seven varieties.

Wall street, we are told, is bidding for gold, but most of us are bidding for any kind of money and find it slaving work to get enough to make both ends meet.

A dancing master is trying to reprocess the waltz by abolishing its hugging feature. He is meeting with poor encouragement.

A Philadelphia manicurist is to become the wife of a millionaire brewer. She says their romance began when they first held hands.

"Miss Julia Marlowe has retired for a year's rest," says a New York paper. Sweet be her dreams and may she wake up greatly refreshed.

Pittsburg has another scandal which it is promised will be just as filthy as any of those which have preceded it.

President Roosevelt says it is not a sin to be rich. Still, it is a sin to be sinfully rich.

It has been found that alcohol may be manufactured from corncobs. Now watch out for adulterated corncobs.

The anadrian Pacific Railway offers a 12,000 mile trip under one flag.

England has just launched the longest armored cruiser in the world.

American uniforms may be adopted for use by the Russian army.

Half the negroes in the United States are under 19.4 years of age.

Earn some; spend some less; That's the secret of success!

The Colorado fox runs faster than any other living animal.

A Chinaman has been arrested in Chicago for "mashing."

The body of a moth contains over 4,061 muscles.

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A Hymn for Today

COME, THOU FOUNT

By Rev. Robert Robinson

COME, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount; oh, fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Dailly I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee!

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the Lord I love,
Here's my heart; oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above!

INITIAL FOOT BALL

Stanford Has First Game On the Coast.

CLOSE SCORE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Hearst's Protegees Worsted in the Preliminary Gridiron Scrimmage of The Season by a Score Three to Nothing.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Oct. 13.—The first collegiate game of Rugby foot ball played on the Pacific coast resulted in a score of three to nothing and a victory for the University of California Freshmen over the Stanford Freshmen today. In the first half Stanford's fifteen had much the better of the contest, but in the second the tables were turned and the ball constantly kept in the cardinals' territory. Stanford excelled in passing the ball, but Berkeley showed greater knowledge of the rules.

BUILDING TO COAST.

Western Pacific Reaching Through Nevada.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—Contracts have been let by the Western Pacific Railway for the grading of 100 miles of their proposed line through Nevada. The present contract runs from Death in Humboldt Valley to the Nevada-Utah line. It is a difficult country to traverse. Mountain ranges obstruct passage in every direction. In order to find a practicable grade engineers have chosen a route that is not direct but when completed will do away with the double-engine service that would otherwise be necessary.

In Utah the line has already been constructed about seventy miles outside of Salt Lake.

Wounds, Bruises and Burns.

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