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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Generally fair, warmer, except near the coast.
Eastern Oregon, Washington—Fair and warmer.

WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY!

If reiteration can be taken as proof of sincerity in the exposition of a public matter of large concern, the readers of this paper will be convinced of the good-faith of the Morning Astorian in its determined opposition to the "politicalizing" of the Astoria Water Commission.

The charter commission has engrafted (and that's a good word, by the way), in the proposed amendments to the charter of this city, a provision making the tenure of office on the water commission elective, with eight year terms, thus bringing it within the purview of any "machine" that happens to be in the ascendancy here at the time the changes are to be made in the personnel, and adapting the department to the exigencies of the local political regimen; the most dangerous and ultimately disastrous fate that could possibly overtake it. And it was voted for in the commission by men who are known to be actually, and originally, its.

There is no practical reason for the warping of this element of city government and property out of the form and handling that has made it the most creditable phase of municipal operation in the history of the city, and it is the bounden duty of every property owner and prudent citizen to campaign against the amendment until the polls close on December 12; and if it shall be necessary after that, then to crusade it to a restoration through every court of the state, until it is put beyond the tampering fingers of the grafting politician forever.

There must be no idling nor playing with this grave blunder; the future of the city is involved in this one fight, and it must be made on the basis of its gravity and value, and the maintenance of its acceptable status. The property owner is deeply concerned in this thing, and if he neglects it, he will have no one but himself to thank for the invasion of franchise and vested right. For the success of this political move, will mean the revamping of other elements and institutions now conserved and free from political interference, until at last there will be nothing left clear of the menacing touch of the grafting clan.

The administration of the affairs of the water department has been clean, wise and successful simply because it has been free from just such domination.

THE PEOPLE VINDICATED.

After two long trials and two appeals to the supreme court of the United States, insuring the fullest, fairest and freest inquiry into the facts and the law concerning his case, United States Senator Ralph Burton of Kansas, goes to prison to serve a term for having dragged the toga of a United States senator into the dirt and mire of personal corruption.

What Burton did, in fact, was to accept a fee for representing a get-rich-quick concern, a swindling bucket-shop, in its efforts to retain the use of the United States mail. He took the fee in a case in which the United States government was interested and appeared

against the United States government while serving as a United States senator. On account of this act, he is justly sentenced to fine and imprisonment; for he violated every sense of right, propriety, honor and self-respect which should govern a member of the highest legislative body in the world, one that should be maintained, and usually is, in spotless honor.

Brilliant as he is, possessed of many attractive qualities that he has, there will be no regrets that the man who disgraced a sovereign state of this Union has been forced to pay the penalty of his misdeeds.

The man who holds public office by the trust of his fellow citizens and who commits improper, dishonorable or dishonest acts, dishonors the people who honored him and who themselves, as a body, are law-abiding, God-fearing, honest men. They are outraged by such conduct as Burton's and they demand punishment for such offenses. In Burton's case the people are vindicated.—Seattle P. I.

LITTLE WILLIE AND HIS CHINKS.

Little Willie's attempt to drag the Chinese cheap labor bugaboo into the New York campaign has resulted in the damaging exposure of the fact that the Hearst estate, which is now held by his mother, but the profits of which go mainly to W. R. Hearst, is the largest employer of Chinese labor in California. The Hearsts in the Golden state have always fought Chinese exclusion and employed Chinese coolies. But the fact was not generally known throughout the country until Candidate Hearst attacked Candidate Hughes on the ground that the national administration proposed to employ Chinese coolies at Panama. Just what that had to do with the New York governorship would be hard to say, but then Hearst's attacks are often just as reasonable.—Tacoma Ledger.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

In Denton, Tex., there is a college which gives prizes to those of its girl students who remain well through each term.

Why is it that the average woman picks out as the best and most sensible man the one who makes a fool of himself over her?

Scientists say that love is a form of madness. They are very few of us who are not "dippy" on one subject or another, even in our most normal moments.

In order to make sure that the little one in the home does not get hold of butter color, rat exterminator, fly poison and concentrated lye, it is well to keep such stuff out of reach.

Mrs. W. E. Morgan of Joplin, Mo., who is a superintendent of a coal mine, attends to every detail of the work personally, representing a stock company, which she organized.

In the eye of the law a landowner owns the land to the center of the road adjoining his place, yet he has no right to remove earth or trees from the same. In case the road is vacated full right to do what he will with the same reverts to the owner.

A prosperous farmer in South Carolina on thirty-five acres of land that was formerly devoted to the culture of rice, planted potatoes and the result of his experiment was a net profit of \$14,000. The average production per acre was over 250 bushels.

Three hundred and fifty thousand tomato plants are required each year for the two hundred acres of land owned by the canning company near Keokuk, Iowa. These plants are set with an automatic planter and are of the New Stone and Greater Baltimore varieties.

An Indiana man is experimenting with what he is pleased to term atmospheric irrigation. He simply places tile in his land, not to lead off the water, but to supply the soil with air and thereby increase his crops. He claims it works well, for on a hitherto poor, clay farm, he is able to produce large crops of corn.

James J. Hill says that the population is increasing so fast and the coal and iron resources of the country are being so rapidly depleted, that the United States will eventually have to turn to agriculture instead of manufacturing and commerce, in order to give the next generation employment. He believes that when the farmer takes as much care of by-products and prevents waste as carefully as does the manufacturer, there will be profitable employment for many more persons upon the farms.

THE TILLAMOOKIAN IDEA.

Had the Glad-Hand Out for Many Years—Lytle First.

The Tillamook Herald thus meets the strictures of the Seaside Signal on the alleged pre-disposition of the Tillamookians to the Lytle railroad interests:

"The Seaside Signal remarks: 'About the most foolish thing our Tillamook friends could do in attempting to further their railroad interests, is to tie themselves to Lytle's kite, or any other man's kite. Let the railroads come. You can't keep them away, now. But don't give Mr. Lytle any more than you are willing to give Mr. Hammond or the Santa Fe people. They are all coming to Tillamook—as soon as they get ready—and all you can give will not hasten them a day.'

"The editor of this paper will state right here, not for the editor of the Seaside paper's benefit, because he knows the previous 'hot-air' railroads that have been building in here have never materialized; he knows that the citizens have not only fallen all over themselves to tie themselves to any railroad kite but have offered every inducement to Hammond, Simmons, Reed, or even to anybody that would construct a railroad into this section. The editor of the Signal knows that the people of Tillamook have wanted a railroad for many moons; he knows that the people of Tillamook have held meeting after meeting, raising, at one time, over thirty-five thousand dollars and that for Simmons, or anyone else that would build. Mr. Hammond would have accepted the same welcome that Mr. Lytle has been accorded. It is safe to say he will be welcome yet, though he has waited these many years for Lytle to stir him to action. The Signal editor, after many years association with Tillamookers, should at least know their spirit of progressiveness.

"Lytle is right on the spot, his actions prove that this is the time that we get the 'real thing' and nobody forced him to build, he just came and came running, and the citizens of Tillamook, the Development League and all gets in and welcomes Mr. Lytle. Mr. Hammond would have been as welcome; Mr. Reed, Mr. Wilsey or anybody else that would build us a road was equally so, they all looked alike to us until the hand was played.

"There is yet a great opportunity here for Mr. Hammond's extension from Seaside to Newport. There is a great country offered, developed and partly so, that this extension would open up. Mr. Hammond can rest assured that the people along the route from Seaside to Newport will welcome him, for by so doing they will enhance the value of their property and find that an ever-ready market awaits the shipments of their produce. Mr. Hammond will do well to come, if for nothing else than the magnificent beach resorts that his road would open up. Mr. Hammond knows the value of this traffic; indeed, it is truly wonderful the thousands of people that the A. & C. and C. & E. carry during the beach season to Newport and Seaside, the terminus of these respective roads. If the extension of the A. & C. is made, the road would open up the most beautiful summer resorts in the whole world. We will further state that the right-of-way for Mr. Hammond's extension would, we are sure, be given him by the majority of the land-owners along the route.

"The people extend a welcome to Mr. Hammond to come."

THUG IDENTIFIED.

Murderous Crook Identified as Lookout.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Ralph Scanlan, now in charge under suspicion of murdering William Friede, a market street storekeeper, was positively identified yesterday by Mrs. C. H. Gilman and her daughter Rugg, as a lookout stationed outside 'Friede's' shop on the day he was beaten to death behind his counter with a length of gas pipe. Mrs. Gilman is the mother of Mabel Gilman, the actress. Mrs. Gilman and her daughter were taken into a room at the Bush street station and there singled out Scanlan from a group of other prisoners and declared they could not be mistaken in their identification of him as the man they had seen and conversed with outside the shop on the day of the murder. Scanlan, who had been maintaining all along that he was nowhere in the vicinity of the crime on the afternoon it was perpetrated, was evidently taken aback before the completeness of the identification.

RESULT OF NEGLECT.

In most cases consumption results from a neglected or improperly treated cold. Foley's Honey and Tar cures the most obstinate coughs and prevents serious results. It costs you no more than the unknown preparations and you should insist upon having the genuine in the yellow package.

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MILLIONAIRE MANUFACTORY.

Federal Authorities Interfere In Chicago Scheme.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—Post-Office Inspectors yesterday raided the office of the Daily Market Forecast, 438 Marquette Building, which advertised inside information on how "Millionaires were made over night."

A fraud order was issued against the concern, and H. C. Collins, alias Harria Gates, was arrested.

It is charged that the Daily Market Forecast held out alluring prospects to persons wishing to invest from \$5 to \$50 for the daily reports. It promised to furnish tips on big moves which are "soon to come" in Wall street and the Board of Trade. A sample of the literature which the postoffice people say Collins sent through the mails, is:

Millionaires will be created over night, so if you are at all inclined toward the fascinating and profitable art of speculation, why not "Get in right" and help yourself to a few slices of the "melons" that are to be cut?

Opportunities will arise where the wide awake speculator can make \$1,000 on an investment of \$100, or \$5,000 on an investment of \$1,000.

The literature was sent to C. A. Delaney or Chicago. He invested, but received no returns and finally complained to Postoffice Inspector Stuart.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Balky Motor Nearly Wipes Out Family.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Oct. 19.—The big touring car of W. E. Page of Columbus was struck by a Big Four train at a crossing in this city yesterday and Mr. Page, his wife and three-year-old daughter, Paulina, were miraculously saved from death.

The motor on the automobile went "dead" as it was at the crossing. Mr. Page saw a train approaching and leaped to the rear to assist his wife and daughter to get out. He did not have time enough and scarcely had loosened the clasp when the engine struck the automobile which went high in the air. The automobile fell, a mass of wreckage, thirty feet away and Mrs. Page and the child were buried under it, but sustained no injuries beyond a few slight scratches and nervous shocks.

DANGER FROM THE PLAGUE.

There's grave danger from the plague of Coughs and Colds that are so prevalent, unless you take Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Mrs. Geo. Walls, of Forest City, Me., writes: "It's a Godsend to people living in climates where coughs and colds prevail. I find it quickly ends them. It prevents Pneumonia, cures La Grippe, gives wonderful relief in Asthma and Hay Fever, and makes weak lungs strong enough to ward off Consumption, Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers' drug store. Trial bottle free.

A man may own a hundred houses but he can live in only one at a time and maybe none is a real home. He may own a hundred coats, but he can wear only one at a time. He may corner all the grain of a continent, but he can eat only his stomach full. He may own great mills and broad lands and many bonds, but he can get from the world only a living and he goes out at last as empty handed as he came in. The surplus he cannot use himself and does not use for others is mere dirt—none the less foul because gilded, nor any the less poisonous for being kissed in worship.

A BADLY BURNED GIRL.

or boy, man or woman, is quickly out of pain if Bucklen's Arnica Salve is applied promptly. G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., says: "I use it in my family for cuts, sores and all skin injuries, and find it perfect." Quickest Pile cure known. Best healing salve made. 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

RAILROADS CLASH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—The Examiner today says: The rumors that have been common talk in railroad circles for months past to the effect that the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific would not bring their legal differences about the right of way on the Oakland side of the bay into the courts, has been refuted by the Western Pacific. The Gould line has its counsel in this city and arrangements are being made to make a decided stand when the hearing of the case comes up before the court of appeals on Oct. 29.

BLOOD POISONING.

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