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WEATHER.

Eastern and Western Oregon—Rain.
Eastern and Western Washington and Idaho—Rain.

A DELIBERATE TURN-DOWN.

One of the rankest cases of discrimination against the port of Astoria on the part of the shipping agents of Portland (and in strict conformity with their program to hammer this place in all commercial matters) has been made manifest in the orders received by the captain of the French bark Empereur Menelik, from Antwerp, with 15,000 barrels of cement, 10,000 of which belongs to the Southern Pacific company, and are to be used in the construction of its line from Drain to Coos Bay.

The stuff was consigned to W. P. Fuller & Company, of Portland, but on the arrival of the ship here, the Southern Pacific people suddenly concluded it would be more convenient for them to have their share of the cargo discharged at Astoria and re-shipped hence to Coos Bay, and, backed by the agents of the charterers, W. P. Fuller & Company, filed a request with the captain and his owners, to permit the 10,000 barrels to be disembarked at this place.

Captain Moret at once put himself in communication with his owners on the subject and finally received imperative orders from the owners' agent at Portland to bring his ship to that port and dock his cargo there, and this, after the consignees had sent a representative here with full authority to cover the full line of expense and provide for all contingencies that might arise in the transfer.

It only goes to show the deliberate purpose of the shipping interests at the metropolis to hog the last item of commercial prestige and deny this port anything that might contribute to the convenience of the trade and the consequence of Astoria as a depot. There was absolutely nothing to hinder such a transfer, except the desire to dominate the situation and show that Portland was the only place in Oregon that might be considered. It was contemptibly small, but wholly within the measure of Portland. And while our hammer is in the air, we desire to say that the Southern Pacific company in the first instance, was to blame for not providing a charter arrangement that would have comprehended their convenience and dispatch in the delivery of the cargo here. That is, if that concern is not altogether innoculated with the anti-Astoria mania that possesses Portland.

ASTORIA'S ORGANIC LAW.

There are eight days in which the thoughtful Astorian may study the public expression of the new charter. In that time he must make up his mind as to the relative merits of the fifteen new phases of organic law embraced in the work of the commission. This paper has its ideas in this behalf pretty well in hand and has no particular fight to make, at present, upon any of the amendments, save that which invades the safe and wholesome autonomy of the Astoria Water Commission, and seeks to "politicalize" it, for the benefit of the bosses. This is utterly uncalled for upon any hypothesis of expediency or better government, and we warn those who are urging the measure that they must carry their campaign to the source of last resort before they shall realize their contention. We think but indifferently of some of the other amendments, especially that applicable to the laying out, improving and repairing of streets, and this we deem so involved as to text as to baffle any man seeking its crux, not excepting the man who drew it. And we file a vigorous protest against the willful unfairness, the rank injustice of cutting down the income of the Astoria library from $75 to $25 per month. The good women behind the management of this, the one excellent institution of its kind in the city, deserve better treatmet than is attempted in this ungenerous amendment, and the author of it will know something about the shabby method that has been employed to oust and defeat so creditable an auxiliary to the municipal melange. The thing has been interpolated, on the face of it, for in all the open discussions in relation to the pending amendments, no word has ever been raised for the purpose to divest this library of its income, and paralyze the work that has been built up through years of patient and faithful endeavor. It is a shame that such a matter should be heralded for a contest before the people.

TARIFF REVISION INEVITABLE.

This paper is of the Republicans, Republican; but we are convinced, as the humor of the country is measured at this moment, that the party of protection could not go before the nation upon a purely protective propaganda, and win out. Tariff revision is in the air. The people are weary of the doctrine that hedges and amplifies and renders imperial, the colossal interests that are beyond all need of the policy, and the day is at hand when the party that compelled the adoption of the immensely valuable agency in the conservation of the infant industries and tentative investmets of the nation, must stand sponsor for the modifications demanded by the people all over the country. To ignore the situation will be a grave blunder and it will be made the most of by the Democrats who are, in this case, at least, closely in touch with the living impulse of the people for the change that must be made. It can be done, and done safely, and in a relative way that shall not be construed as a relinquishment of a cardinal principle and yet yield all that is expected and longed for.

CANNON TOO EMPHATIC.

The Lincoln (Neb.) Star claims the Democratic campaign text book bases its tariff argument uopn the erroneous assumption that Speaker Joseph G. Cannon is Congress. "Admitting,' says the editor, "that he is rather a forceful person and that he has much to do with the management and regulation of that distinguished body, or at least a branch of it, we must deny that even one who would make so pleasant a boss as Uncle Joe is the 'whone thing,' congressionally speaking.

"Mr. Cannon is going up and down the country making what the Democratic press is pleased to term 'stand-pat' speeches. Mr. Cannon has his own ideas regarding the tariff, and as a protectionist he is as zealous as a life-long adherent to a principle could be. Neither is Mr. Cannon a protectionist to the extent of being a foe to reciprocity. While he is slightly behind his party on the latter question, he is still in favor of the general principle of reciprocity."

The editor is of the opinion that "while his (Cannon) views need some revision very materially with relation to the subject of the tariff, he could not make all the existing schedules sacred if he would, and he would not if he could. He is rather too emphatic in his 'stand-pat' declarations, but back of this is his wise assertion that if the tariff is to be changed at all it had better be changed by its friends.

"Even if the Speaker were so disposed, he could not prevent the tariff legislation which is almost sure to come during the next session of Congress. * * * An extension of the principle of reciprocity in conformity with the ideas of Blaine and McKinley is one of the commercial essentials of the day."

EDITORAL SALAD.

Gen. Bombastes Jiminez has been exiled from Santo Domingo as a warning to would-be revolutionists. The warning, as a matter of course, will go unheeded—it always does.

At a balloon race in Massachusetts a hot current of air with a temperature of 106 degrees was encountered at a height of 8,000 feet. The weather experts have apparently overlooked some of the phenomena overhead.

Th changes announced in the president's cabinet do not involve the department of the Interior. Secretary Hitchcock is retained in this important department, although a stronger effort has been made against him than against all the other members of the cabinet combined. Mr. Hitchcock should be proud of this tribute to his integrity, efficiency and perseverance.

SENSATION MAY BE ANTICIPATED

LOCAL DRUGGIST HAS SECURED CELEBRATED COOPER REMEDIES—STRONG STATEMENT BY ST. LOUIS DRUGGIST.

Will Astoria be affected with the same astonishing demand for the new preparations extolled by L. T. Cooper, as has visited St. Louis and the leading cities of the East?

The question is brought forth by the fact that a local druggist has secured the agency for the much-talked of preparations and that are producing such a furor and about which the newspapers of the United States have devoted columns.

In fact, a discussion of Cooper's preparations and the unheard of demand for them wherever introduced has appeared in a greater part of all the leading dailies of the country.

Th recently published statement of the manager of the Wolff-Wilson Drug Co. of St. Louis, which appeared in the Post-Dispatch and Globe-Democrat of that city, would seem to indicate that with no exception these preparations produced the same results in all sections, regardless of what pressure is brought to bear against the medicines.

His statement is as follows:

"This talk about St. Louis going mad over Mr. Cooper is absurd. If his preparations did not do all that is claimed for them, there would be no demand. Mr. Cooper has nothing whatever to do with it.

"The idea that his personality has something to do with the sale of his medicines, and that the people of this city only imagine they have been benefited, is too far-fetched to be seriously considered.

"One physician says the people have a disease called 'Cooper-mania.' This may be clever, but it certainly is not true.

"I have sold these preparations on trial ever since Mr. Cooper made my store his headquarters. Any one can receive whatever they pay for the preparations instantly if they are not satisfied. If the people are infatuated with Mr. Cooper, as is claimed, and therefore buy his medicines, why don't they come and ask for their money after they have taken them? Out of the thousands of bottles we have sold almost none have been returned.

"As a matter of fact, St. Louis is no exception in the immense demand for these preparations. Before Mr. Cooper came to this city, I received letters from leading druggists throughout the East, telling me that wherever he goes his preparations are sold almost to the exclusion of all others.

"Every city in this country where these medicines have been introduced has had the same experience as St. Louis. This ought to be proof positive that the people know what they are about."

In the light of this statement it will be interesting to see how these preparations are received in Astoria.

CASTRO NOT IMPROVED.

No One Is Permitted to Visit the Defunct President.

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinque, Nov. 2.—Passengers from Venezuela bring the information that President Castro, whose health is not improved, was moved October 25, from the coast to Caracas and on October 27 from Caracas to Sabana Grande, near the capital. With the exception of those administering to his personal wants, no one is permitted to come near the president. Business in Venezuela is in a condition of paralysis because of the general uneasiness felt for the future.

CHARGING REBATE.

American Sugar Refining Company Indicted o T owCharges.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Judge Holt in the United States court today signed an order summoning the American Sugar Refining company and the New York Central Railroad to appear Wednesday and stand trial on two indictments, accusing them of charging rebates. The indictments specify $66,000 was given or received by the offending companies on west bound shipments to Cleveland in 1902. Both companies appeared by their attorneys and plead not guilty to the indictments.

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First M. E. Church.

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Aldersbrook Presbyterian.

Worship with sermon at 10 a. m. Sunday school at 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:30 p. m. On Thursday evening, Nov. 8, the T. P. Free Reading room will be dedicated to the public. A literary and musical programme will be rendered. Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., and Rev. W. S. Gilbert, will speak. Refreshments will be served. You are cordially invited to the feast.

Warrenton Presbyterian.

At the Warren hall: Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Worship, with sermon, at 7:30 p. m. We have good congregational singing; come and enjoy it.

Special Church Notice.

Beginning tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 there will be services in the German Lutheran church on Grand Ave., every Sunday afternoon. These services will be conducted in the English language, except the last Sunday afternoon of each month, when the services will be in German. A Sunday school will also be organized in connection with these services for the purpose of reclaiming such children as have been baptized in the Lutheran church and whose parents adhere to its confessions, and who have not been able to avail themselves of a Lutheran Sunday school on account of the distance to the English Lutheran Sunday school of the First Lutheran church. In order to begin such services and organize such a Sunday school we would call a mass meeting of all Lutheran people in that district, both young and old, and by coming you will assure us of your hearty co-operation and well wishes. Yours in the work.

GUSTAF E. RYDQUIST.

First Lutheran.

Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent. Morning service in Swedish at 10:45. Sermon on the "Beatitudes.' Service in the German Lutheran church on Grand avenue at 2:30 p. m. Theme for sermon, "Uncannonized Saints.' Evening service in English at the Uppertown church at 7:30. Subject for sermon, "Truth is Eternal." You are cordially invited to attend these services.

Episcopal.

Grace Church: Services on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 11 a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m.

Congregational.

Services will be held on Sunday next, morning and evening. The pastor will preach at both services and requests all Congregationalists in the city to attend. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "The Law of Christian Growth." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of this service. Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The Power of Home Life.' Sunday school at 12:20 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. A very cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services All strangers and visitors in the city will find a welcome and will hear a helpful word at all the services of this church. Midweek meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. You are invited to come. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor.

Presbyterian.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock. "Will Christ Wield the World?" Sunday school at 12:15. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30. First of a series on Jacob. "A Day and a Night Away from Home."

Norwegian and Danish Methodist.

Corner of Duane and 37th street. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 mornin gand 7:45 evening. The presiding elder, Rev. Lyng C. Hason, will preach; after preaching the members and Christian friends will partake of the Lord's Supper. The Scandinavian people are cordially invited to attend. Elias Gjerding, pastor.

Bible Spiritualist.

Rev. Coon and wife, spiritual evangelists, of San Francisco, will hold meetings in the A. O. U. W. hall Sunday, Nov. 4, at the hours of 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. All are cordially invited. Each lecture followed by spiritual messages.

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