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WEATHER.

Western Washington and Oregon—Occasional rain.
Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho—Rain or snow.

THE INTERMINABLE RAINS.

Washington is on the "water-wagon" in good shape just now, and Oregon is climbing over the front wheel. There is more water on both sides of the Columbia than there is in it. It is to be hoped the down-pour may cease and give the people in the pent valleys of both states a chance to save what is left them, and that no more lives will be sacrificed. The season has been abnormally wet in the northwest and the coast has been ravaged by gales and storms for the past twenty-three days. Not since 1891 has the winter season opened with such protracted and deluging rains, and it may be, like that year, a matter of months before the end is realized. Astoria is peculiarly fortunate in her position on the broad bays that flank the city on both north and south which offer adequate basins for carrying off the access that comes from the eastward; and again she is in free and open communication, by rail and water, with all the great terminal points of the coast, and is doing business steadily and uninterruptedly. She is a notable and delightful summer resort, and, for convenience and comfort in winters such as this, cannot be beaten.

THAT STATE PRINTERY.

To a "man up a tree," it looks as if Frank C. Baker's generosity (?) in offering to turn over to the State of Oregon, at the end of Mr. Dunnaway's term of office, four years hence, the printery and plant now at the state-house, is just a bit far-fetched. After it has netted him hundreds of thousands of dollars; when he has been denied the chance to make any more out of it; when it has become old, worn, and practically obsolete; when the probabilities are reasonable that the state will go out of the business herself and put her printing out on public contract to the lowest and best bidders, when every value of a private nature has been stripped from the outfit, he declares his purpose to present it to the state that has paid for it ten times over. We may be pardoned if we deprecate the inspiration behind the gift and express the hope that when the state unloads the longborne burden of this department, she will free herself absolutely by declining the "junk-pile" in gracious but at the same time peremptory terms.

COMMERCIAL STREET.

Very soon the main thorough-fare of the City of Astoria will be torn up and dismantled in the process of the re-decking lately contracted for by the council, and it is hoped every possible scheme of expedition and convenience will be employed in order to minimize the extraordinary bother to pedestrians, teamsters, business men, visitors and others, who have to rely upon this street for the transaction of thousands of different and urgent purposes; that there will be no delay, for weather, or any other agency, but that it will be rushed, carefully and considerably, to speedy conclusion.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The romantic modern history of the metal, copper, has been made in America, and is still being made there.

The United States is the largest producer (65 to 70 per cent. of the world's supply) and the freest consumer of it. Copper mines all over the world are becoming exhausted, while those in this country are each year giving up a greater quantity of the metal. Europe is now as dependent on our copper as she is on our cotton. A famine of the ore would stop electrical progress in Germany, France, and Holland as completely as a curtailment of the Southern staple checks the looms in the mills of Manchester.

When the authorities of the university of Chicago a few years ago took the first steps toward separating the sexes in that institution it was recognized that the object aimed at was the complete abolition of coeducation. The late President Harper was resolved that young men and young women should not be educated together, and his plans have now been fully carried out. Dean McClintock's announcement is that hereafter the sexes will never meet in class room, lecture hall or chapel, and that there will be, in effect, two distinct universities affiliated under one supreme management.

The costliest flour that St. Louis ever baked into cakes brought \$23,000 a pound and ginger snaps that it produced sold for \$1 each. Even at that high price people bought them by the dozen. It was one of the rare instances when the high price of food-stuffs comes as a blessing, for every cent of the money went to swell the fund of the sanitary commission organized by Dr. Henry W. Bellows of Boston during the civil war which furnished more than \$15,000,000 in supplies and \$5,000,000 in money to relieve the sufferings of the federal troops.

One of the novelties during the Christmas celebration this year will be artificial Christmas trees. The imitation is so exact a production of the real article that it is difficult to tell the difference between the two. It is said that during the past quarter of a century the destruction of small northern woods are becoming depopulated of small trees and it is now necessary to resort to something to take the place of the hundreds of thousands of trees that have been used in the years that have passed.

A crop that will produce \$15,400 to the acre has been discovered in Brazil, according to a report to the department of commerce and labor from United States Consul General George E. Anderson at Rio de Janeiro. It is the Brazilian linen and several experimental plantations are making an effort to put it into practical use.

If the women of Chicago's four hundred were gathered together in any of the ballrooms of the world they could be distinguished from the women of other cities by their pearls. This remark was made the other day by a jeweler, who declared that the pearl is the Chicago woman's favorite jewel.

The Chicago girl who advertised herself for sale is now writing her experiences for a New York paper.

For the benefit of other young women who yearn to enter journalism it may be said that there was a chance for only one girl to get a job in that way.

Woman lawyers declared recently that, as a matter of fact, married women do not own their clothes, even the garments, mentionable and otherwise, which they bring to their home in their trousseau, in about one-third of the state that compose the land of the free.

An American girl is blamed for causing the trouble between the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. Perhaps this home wrecker feels that owing to the scarcity of Dukes, each of them ought to be enabled to have at least two American duchesses.

According to some of the scientists women are growing taller. If this would keep them from growing stouter after they reached middle age it isn't likely that many of them would worry much over their increasing length.

Alaska not only furnishes Uncle Sam with \$18,000,000 worth of new gold annually but generously offers to fill his coal bins. And we bought the whole country for \$7,500,000.

A San Francisco woman has sold her husband for \$25,000. Thousands of her sisters would be glad to make a similar deal if they could find purchasers.

An Englishman says the American face is joyless. Perhaps he has been making a study of the faces of American girls who have married Englishmen.

James J. Hill maintains that credit is better than money. But unfortunately, those who have money don't need credit.

Their crops. The tobacco trust reports a decrease in the consumption of cigarettes. This is curious.

PANAMA CANAL TALK

American Hawaiian Steamship
Co. to Put on Steamers.

RUN FROM COAST TO COAST

Reported that Fourteen Large Steamships Will Be Put on the Panama Route, Connecting With Several Railroads.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Word of what is regarded as the first important step taken in anticipation of the opening of the Panama Canal, reached Washington this week from Mexico City. According to advices the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company will put in operation in January a fleet of fourteen big freight steamers between New York and San Francisco and New York and Honolulu, in connection with the Tehuantepec National Railway of Mexico, which traverses the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. It is believed here that the steamships will run direct from coast to coast as soon as the Panama Canal is opened, and that the company is starting this early in order to establish its business.

The fleet of fourteen ships is to be divided, seven of them plying between New York and Coatzacoalos, and an equal number between San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Honolulu. The steamers will maintain a weekly schedule, and freight will be trans-shipped across the Isthmus by rail.

The news is regarded here as most important to all sections of the country for it goes to prove that an era of water transportation is at hand and the domination of the railroads in commerce thus is to be curbed naturally. Delegates from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to the convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress here December 6 and 7 next will explain fully at that time just what further plans are taking for an extension of this water traffic from coast to coast. It is reported that many big projects are under way.

Incidentally the convention will dwell on the need for more vigorous action all along the line in the matter of waterway development. The rivers and harbors of the country are said to be the most disgraceful of any nation, and in the interests of commerce demands will be made that the appropriations for the development of natural resources be increased to \$50,000,000 annually. The Rivers and Harbors Congress is non-political and its appeal is expected to have weight with the National lawmakers at the coming session.

Among other things, the convention will point out that if the United States is to capture the trade of South and Central America, it must improve its ports and navigable rivers. In addition, the establishment of sea-going lines would be of far greater benefit if the steamships were able to ascend streams toward the interior of the country, thus bringing transportation charges down to a minimum and enabling the American manufacturer, merchant and farmer to compete with their rivals in other nations who have captured and hold the trade of Latin-America solely because they have been able to ship entirely by water.

WILL HAVE TO WALK.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—All the western roads announced today that they would discontinue the practice of issuing free transportation and reduced rates to land agents, and a majority of the 50,000 agents who are registered with the western trunk lines committee will find themselves out of work. This action is taken because of the inter-state commerce commission's ruling that the issuance of such passes and transportation was illegal.

Made Happy for Life.

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Alban's, West Virginia, when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus' Dance, which yielded to no treatment, but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I rejoice to say, three bottles effected a complete cure." Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weaknesses, impoverished blood and malaria. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c.

PRESIDENT'S LETTERS.

Two Letters Written by Roosevelt Sold at Auction.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Two letters of President Roosevelt were among the interesting autographs among the collection at the sale yesterday of the

collection of George M. Ellwood, of Rochester. One of President Roosevelt's letters refers to his book, the "Winning of the West," as it was written on June 19, 1891, when Mr. Roosevelt was a civil service commissioner, to Benjamin W. Austin, secretary of the Trinity Historical Society, Dallas, Texas. Among other things, he wrote:

"You may possibly have seen a book of mine called 'The Winning of the West.' I wish as soon as I can get out of my present position, to continue that work and to take it on through the period of the struggle for Texan Independence." Mr. Roosevelt's public work has never given him time to carry out this expressed purpose. The letter, which was written in type, was sold for \$3.25. The other letter, also typewritten, fetched \$1.40.

LAND FRAUD CASE.

SPOKANE, Nov. 16.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Moscow, Idaho, says: Judge Beatty this morning overruled the demurrer in the Robnett subornation of perjury case, and the Lewiston man entered a second plea of not guilty. It is understood that his will be the first of the land fraud cases to be tried. The government looks upon Judge Beatty's decision as a signal victory.

SECOND DAY OF FAIR A SUCCESS.

MEALS ARE SERVED DURING THE DAY AND IN THE EVENING THERE IS AMUSEMENT AND PLEASURE FOR VISITORS.

The second day of St. Mary's Fair found no abatement in the interest and attendance witnessed on the opening day.

All afternoon and during the evening purchasers and sightseers were in evidence. An excellent fish dinner was served during the afternoon. The service was pronounced as most palatable by all who partook of the meal. During the evening the following program was rendered: Mr. Vernon sang a solo in excellent voice; members of the Andrews Opera company, through the courtesy of Mr. Gevurtz, rendered several classical selections, which won the highest encomiums of praise and they were forced to respond to strenuous encores. Mr. D. Scully convulsed the audience with his humorous impersonations.

This evening from 5 o'clock on an orchestra of six pieces will discourse sweet music and a chorus of trained voices will render the old heart touching airs.

The chief interest now seems to center in the contest for the most popular young lady. The vote last night changed the status of the participants. Miss K. Kelly now leads with a total of 116 votes. The Misses H. Brunold and A. Kearney are a tie with 78 each. Then come the Misses Wilson, with 19; E. Anderson, 15; Gramms, 7; Shanahan, 2; Nowlen, 1.

The married ladies' contest for a beautiful rocker opened last night. The first ballot was as follows: Mrs. C. Leleneberger, 5; Mrs. J. H. O'Connell, 5; Mrs. A. McPharlin, 3; Mrs. P. Kearney, 2½; Mrs. Lau, 2; and Mrs. J. N. Johnston, 1.

The fair will close tonight. All the contests will be decided. The articles will be awarded the fortunate few. The gentleman with the high hat and Ruben features who sold out the greater portion of his goods to the eager purchasers, has wired for a new supply which will be on hand by noon today.

SUNDAY TRAVEL TO PORTLAND

Increases and \$2.50 Round Trip Rate via A. & C. R. R. is Popular.

Travel from this city to Portland on Sunday at the low round trip rate of \$2.50 is on the increase and many enjoy that day in the metropolis each week. This rate will be continued throughout the winter and the volume of travel toward Portland every Sunday would indicate that the public appreciates it. 11-8-11

Pneumonia Follows a Cold,

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Some idea of the importance of agriculture in the United States may be gained from the fact that it costs the farmers about \$50,000,000 to harvest

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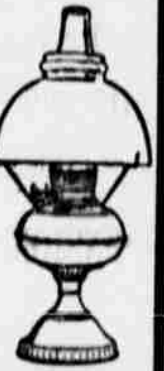
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