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WEATHER.
Western Oregon and Washington—Fair.
Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair and cooler.

THE FIFTEEN AMENDMENTS.
Mayor Wise, as the head of the municipal administration, naturally deprecates the silence of the local press in the matter of the fifteen amendments about to be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection. It need not disturb the executive one little bit. So far as this paper is concerned, it may be said now as well as at any other time, that we believe all of the fifteen new laws will prevail at the polls on the 12th of December, save one, and we see no particular reason why they should not. "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," and therefore this paper has remained silent on the score of the preconciled result in this relation; except in the case of the amendment that seeks to drag the water commission into politics, and of that we have had a strong word of protest to offer several times, and here and now urge our honest avowal against it again. We believe it to be bad policy, entirely unnecessary, and inimical to the best interests of the city. The big interests involved in this commission; the excellent status obtaining; the safe and intelligent personnel of the group in charge; the exemption from disorder, interference and all partisan elements of intrigue and disruption; now characterizing the business and finances of the commission, are too valuable accessories to deliberately sacrifice to the nasty cult of politics, and we speak for the whole people of Astoria in our declaration against such needless doctrine. If there was anything to complain of, in the history, or present conditions attaching to the commission or the immense affairs subject to its control, there might be some excuse for tampering with it, for making it elective by term, and shifting the membership into cleaner or more capable hands, but, since nothing of the sort prevails, and no better material can be found in the city than now figures in its administration, we are distinctly in favor of rejecting the amendment to Section No. 143 by such a vote as shall forever preclude its discussion in this city again, except for real and urgent cause.

TILLMAN IN CHICAGO.
United States Senator Ben. R. Tillman, of South Carolina, has been asked to deliver a lecture in Chicago, for the benefit of one of the big, new hospitals, and he has been urged to abandon his original idea of lecturing on the "Race Problems," and dissertate upon the milder theme of "Shall the United States Annex Cuba?" The dispatch conveying this information, in its concluding lines, avers that the senator "will be guarded by the police during his stay in Chicago," all of which tells a plain story. It is neither complimentary to the senator nor the city. The assumption that he does not know enough to lecture to a mixed audience in a metropolitan city of his own country, without so offending certain elements of his audience as to require the services of a police cordon to save him from the reprisals of those whom he shall insult, is quite as plain as the correlative assumption that the city of Chicago is so wretchedly concerned and so roughly constituted, that one of the leading citizens of the country, a dignitary of the greatest governing body in the world, is not safe from the violence inherent in the group that goes to hear him. Either way one looks at it, it affords the amplest ground for the conclu-

sion that two raw blunders have been committed, the first in Chicago's invitation, and the second in Senator Tillman's acceptance of it.

JEKYLL-HYDE TACTICS.
The Reverend Dr. Voersanger, of San Francisco, than whom no better man or citizen ever dwelt there, is quoted by wire from New York, as testifying to the clean and admirable lives led by the two famous or infamous figures in the wretched grafting scandal now convulsing San Francisco, Abraham Ruef and Julius Schmitz. He declares that these men live almost ideal home lives, and what this honorable Rabbi says may be taken as indubitably true. Dr. Voersanger is of the very salt of the earth and is so regarded by all San Franciscans, without reference to religious inclination, and his statement in this behalf may be credited, absolutely. This leaves only the old and hideous presentment of the Jekyll-Hyde doctrine to account for the fearful gulf between their lives at home, and their lives out in the business world. The everlasting truth prevails, that men, deep in all the vicious and perverted elements of life; slimy with the hidden guilt of theft and debauchery of all kinds; stained and laden with the weight of gross offense against their fellows; dishonored everywhere on earth except in the sacred precincts of the home that has been held immune from the wide knowledge of their sin; these men will move all the agencies at their command to keep that home unknown, unsullied, and that the last and uttermost sacrifice they will make, will be that of the love and respect that is theirs at the hands of the loved and innocent ones at home. The task of maintaining this awful dual role is one of the super-human lessons that men set themselves, and the marvelous success they achieve, is due less to their adroitness and maneuvering, than to the blessed loyalty that inspires the devoted ones so protected. It is pitiable from any point of view.

EDITORIAL SALAD.
Almost 15,000 women work about the mines in the German empire.
Dryness of the skin and general eruptions call for more fruit to be eaten.
Small kindnesses make a hundred friends where great talents make but one.
The Boston teachers are to be pensioned after a certain age with half pay.
Some men find the best get-rich-quick scheme to be marrying a wealthy widow.
A bachelor is forced to wear shirts in Korea and cannot don trousers until he marries.
Skirts fit snugly over the hips, even though laid in tucks and plaits but they flare very much over the feet.
Marrying a girl against the wishes of her parents is, next to murder, the most severely punishable crime in Lapland.
A good corn remedy consists of equal parts of sweet oil and iodine shaken together. Apply at night until relieved.
Education of the right sort is a great aid to personal charm. Read good books, study, try to make a success of your mental efforts.
Mrs. J. E. Greenwood of Perry, O. T., is a grandmother at 36 and Mrs. J. E. Smith, great-grandmother of the new-comer, was a grandmother at 32.
Chinese women are giving up the habit of cramping their feet, but the habit seems to be too firmly fastened upon American women to ever be abandoned.
The self-conscious woman is seldom attractive. The popular girl is the one who is cheery, pleasant, delightful and sincere. She speaks out her prettiest and wittiest thoughts.
In rural England a girl is not allowed to see her engagement ring until after the wedding ceremony. You would never see an American girl take such long chances as that.
Breathing exercises, vocal culture, callisthenics and cold salt-water sponge baths will develop a full, high chest. They must be practiced with regularity, however, to be of benefit.
Lovers of tobacco in its various seductive forms who have been at times a trifle conscience stricken by reason of the alleged deplorable effects of the tobacco habit upon the mind and body should henceforth be able to smoke their pipes in peace since no less an authority than the London Lancet, the foremost journal of the medical world, has risen up to declare in the most deliberate and positive way that tobacco smoke contains an appreciable

A Poem for Today
THE SANDPIPER
By Celia Thaxter

MRS. CELIA THAXTER, poet, was born at Portsmouth, N. H., June 29, 1838, and died on Appleton Island, Isle of Shoals, N. H., Aug. 26, 1894. Most of her life was passed on these rocky islets, where she developed the love of the sea in its many phases that characterizes most of her work. Her first volume of "Poems" was published in 1872. It has been said of Mrs. Thaxter that "she was one of the minor poets who have enriched the verse of America and especially of New England with exquisite portraiture of Nature."
ACROSS the narrow beach we flit,
One little sandpiper and I,
And fast I gather, bit by bit,
The scattered driftwood, bleached and dry.
The wild waves reach their hands for it,
The wild wind raves, the tide runs high,
As up and down the beach we flit,
One little sandpiper and I.
Above our heads the sullen clouds
Send black and swift across the sky;
Like silent ghosts, in misty shrouds
Stand out the white lighthouses high.
Almost as far as eye can reach
I see the close reefed vessels fly
As fast we flit along the beach,
One little sandpiper and I.
I watch him as he skims along,
Uttering his sweet and mournful cry;
He starts not at my fitful song,
Or flash of fluttering drapery;
He has no thought of any wrong;
He scans me with a fearless eye.
Starch friends are we, well tried and strong,
This little sandpiper and I.
Comrade, where wilt thou be tonight
When the loosed storm breaks furiously?
My driftwood fire will burn so bright!
To what warm shelter canst thou fly?
I do not fear for thee, though wroth
The tempest rushes through the sky,
For are we not God's children both,
Thou little sandpiper and I?

amount of formaldehyde, one of the most powerful of antiseptics and germ killers.

It may cause no less surprise than uneasiness to learn that we are likely to run short of iron inside of a single century if we keep up the present rate of consumption, figures Leslie's Weekly. As a matter of fact, we are more likely to increase the consumption than we are to reduce it. The world has only 10,000,000,000 tons of iron ore available. Of these Germany has twice as many tons as the United States, Russia and France each have 400,000,000 tons more than this country. Our consumption is placed at 350,000,000 which is more than a third of the world's total consumption, and far in advance of the present rate of production.

Cured of Bright's Disease.
Mr. Robert O. Burke, of Elnora, N. Y., writes: "Before I started to use Foley's Kidney Cure I had to get up from twelve to twenty times a night, and I was all bloated up with dropsy and my eyesight was so impaired that I could scarcely see one of my family across the room. I had given up hope of living, when a friend recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. One 50 cent bottle worked wonders and before I had taken the third bottle the dropsy had gone, as well as all other symptoms of Bright's Disease." T. F. Lauren, Owl Drug Store.

The Joy of It.

First Kid—Bill's stuck up because he had a birthday party yesterday. I bet it was on the bum.
Second Kid—I bet it was. Why, when I had a birthday party I was sick all the next day.—Philadelphia Press.
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