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**WEATHER.**

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

**THE AMERICAN PROLETARIATE.**

That there is notable uneasiness abroad in the country, born of popular antagonism to the methods employed by the trusts and all manner of corporate combinations, is no longer to be denied or ignored. The politicians of all classes and parties are aware of the growing discontent and are deep in the initial discussions and plans necessary to meet it. Very soon we shall be hearing something about the American proletariat and such other terms as apply to the situation, and it may be well to analyze this term before the wise asses of the country begin to use it too commonly. It signifies that body of the people who, being the poorest, are the most numerous, and therefore the actual bearers of the burdens inflicted by the financial and commercial combinations complained of and who hold the deepest and most vital interest in the remedies to be applied. This element of American life differs widely from many similar groups in the world over, in this, that while its poverty may be measurably as hard and unbearable, it has the conscious knowledge of its freedom, denied to the people of the closer sovereignties of Europe, and will use it before it will lose it; this furnishes the crucial problem confronting the doctrinaires and it will tax their nimblest wit and widest resource before they have placated it. There is infinite patience behind conglomerate poverty, a patience more enduring when it is coupled with equally wide-spread ignorance, but an enlightened poverty, while it is wonderfully patient, will be the more forceful and fateful, when its intelligent protest and demand are to be exercised. The situation has many signs of gravity, and it will grow with the days of its agitation until the very core of its reaction is manifest in demands that will not be so easily met as they have been in the past. It were well for our leaders to go deep down into the question, and for the time being, cast precedent aside, and offer something new and grateful to a people who have borne much and are quite ready to resist further encroachment.

**CARUSO'S \$10 FINE.**

Caruso, the great Italian tenor, has been convicted in a New York police court of insulting a woman, and fined in the sum of \$10. Signor Caruso probably earns \$500 a day for every day he sings, so he is but mildly affected by the sum of the fine. But Caruso, the star professional, the alleged gentleman, the leader of his particular cult, a conspicuous representative of his nation in this country, has proven himself no better than a dirty corner loafer of America. He has sacrificed more than the pitiful \$10, to the vanity or the nastiness of his nature, and he can never make it up. What of real refined life he has enjoyed in this country at the hands of nice people who take pleasure in recognizing such wonderful gifts as his, he has cast aside for the momentary indulgence of a silly folie or worse. He will not be allowed to forget it for years, and he will drag the shameful record and its memory with him wherever he goes. The news wires of the world have taken care of that.

**SCHOOLS AND COURTS.**

Unless for extremely grave cause,

we are opposed to dragging the public schools into the courts of the country. We believe the course to be detrimental in every way and a sacrifice of the dignity and exclusiveness of the system. Minor offenses that have become unbearable; matters of importance that arise upon the spur of the moment; everything involving the maintenance of discipline and the support of the best spirit of the schools, should be, primarily, referred to the power set up by law for the control and guidance of all concerned, the school board. It is a mistake to fly to extraneous sources for relief, on the part of teacher and pupil. Every trifle of disruption or disorder in the system that is cast into the public maw of the courts, but detracts from the reserve force of the school system as a whole and lessens its stability and usefulness, for there is nothing commoner in the general run of things American than "a case in court." There is derogation in such publicity, especially where the criminal code is invoked.

**TEDDY, ALWAYS READY.**

The other day, down in Porto Rico, the President of the United States was in a large crowd on a river bank, when one of the people who were doing him honor, was thrown into the adjacent stream from a fractious horse. This president of the United States started to pull off his coat to go to the aid of the unfortunate, when the unlucky one was pulled from the torrent by other means. This is Theodore Roosevelt all over. He is a strong, vigorous, athletic, well-trained man, healthy, hearty and ready at all times to use his splendid faculties for the good of anyone in need. He has none of the false dignity that attaches to his pre-eminent office; he is just a plain, whole-souled man who does not draw fool lines of demarcation between himself and the world of men. He is a typical American, view him from what standpoint you will.

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

If Count Boni can write a novel or make a presentable figure on the lecture platform he need not despair of getting pocket money on a reasonable scale. His autobiography would be a seller in proportion to its candor. The veritable confessions of a matrimonial plunger would make romance seem tame.

Mr. Hearst's chief literary assistant says Hearst is "the greatest creator of intelligent discontent this country has ever seen." New York has no use for this champion, and he will fare worse when he tries his discontented intelligence on the provinces.

A district in Maine in which a large surplus of potatoes had accumulated got tired of waiting for railroad transportation and organized a fleet of schooners to relieve the situation. There is one, and only one, sure remedy for freight congestion.

Governor Hughes will have a Republican legislature to assist in his work, and New York sends to congress twice as many Republicans as Democrats. In essentials, the Republicans maintain a working lead in the Empire State.

Many of the railroad companies are voluntarily increasing the wages of their employes. By following this with a reduction of freight and passenger rates a fair and reasonable basis can be reached between all classes.

The latest flying machine of Santos Dumont stayed up thirty seconds and was only partly disabled by the bump with which it landed. In another century or so ballooning may be reduced to a practical basis.

The experiment of substituting rabbits for turkeys at the Thanksgiving feast was tried last year and declared to be a gastronomic failure. This year the old bird will again reign supreme.

John D. Rockefeller thinks that he can control the oil business. The Ohio courts think that they can control John D. The whole world will watch the struggle with keen interest.

Gov. Blanchard of Louisiana refers to the St. Louis of the future as the "crossroads of the world's commerce. A great prospect, but the town always lives up to its opportunities.

Mrs. Hetty Green declares that the most valuable thing is time. The same thought has often occurred to her business acquaintances at the end of sixty or ninety days.

The best part of the verdict is that former Countess de Castellane will hereafter be known as Mme. Gould. The Boni part will go to the scrap heap.

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**IN THE CITY CHURCHES.**

**First Congregational.**  
Services will be held today at the usual hours. The pastor will preach morning and evening and desires to see all Congregationalists in the city present. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject: "What It Is the World Must See in the Church." Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The Gospel of Emancipation." This will be the third of a series of sermons on "Phases of the Gospel." If you are not attending these services, you are losing something. Sunday school at 12:30; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Midweek meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Thanksgiving sale of fancy articles and good things to eat on Tuesday afternoon and evening, November 27, in the basement of the church. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

**First Lutheran.**  
Gustave E. Rydquist, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent. Morning service in Swedish at 10:45. Evening service in English at 7:30. Sunday school in the German Lutheran church on Grand avenue at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and service at 3. The service will be in German. The following themes will be preached upon: "The Signs of the Son of Man" (Swedish); "The Coming of the Lord" (German); "The Ingathering of the Nations" (English). On Wednesday evening mid-week service at 7:30. Thanksgiving service in English on Thursday morning at 10:30. On Friday evening the Dorcas Society holds its annual sale and entertainment. To these services and meetings the public is cordially invited.

Rev. John Orall of Portland will occupy the pulpit of the Norwegian Methodist church this morning and the Norwegian Free Lutheran church in the evening. Rev. Orall represents the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon. Mr. Orall will remain in the city for three weeks and will preach in the several churches. He will deliver his first temperance lecture Monday night in the Free Norwegian Lutheran church.

**First Methodist.**  
The morning sermon theme will be "From Strength to Strength." The evening sermon will be on the subject, "Hell, What It Is and How to Escape It." Mr. C. S. Turner will have charge of the Young People's meeting at 8:30 p. m. This meeting promises to be of special interest and all young people are urged to attend. Do not miss the class meeting at 10:15 a. m. and the Sunday school at 12:15. Those who have not found a church home in Astoria are invited to worship with us. We will welcome you and try to make you feel at home. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

**Norwegian Lutheran Synod.**  
At the Norwegian Lutheran Synod church, corner of 29th and Grand avenue, communion services this morning at 10:45. Evening services at 7:30. Both services in the Norwegian language. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The Ladies' Aid Society meets on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ness, 1731 Irving avenue. Thanksgiving services next Thursday evening at 7:30. The Ladies' Aid bazaar takes place next Wednesday evening in the church parlors. Thos. P. Neste, pastor.

**Union Service Thanksgiving Day.**  
On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 29, there will be a united service held in the Presbyterian church, at 10:30 a. m. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. C. Rarick of the M. E. church, with other ministers taking part. The following churches unite in this service: Presbyterian, M. E., Baptist and Congregationalist. You are cordially invited to come.

**Norwegian-Danish M. E.**  
The Norwegian and Danish Methodist church, corner of 37th and Duane. Rev. Elias Gjerding, pastor. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Thursday night big Thanksgiving social with good program, consisting of short addresses by three ministers, song by the Norwegian Male Chorus, and recitations. Admission free.

**Presbyterian.**  
Morning worship 11 o'clock, "The Unity of the Human Family." Sunday school at 12:15. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30; evening worship at 7:30, "Mistakes of Christians." Fourth on Jacob. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

**Alderbrook Presbyterian.**  
Worship at 10 a. m. Sunday school at 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:30

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**Thanksgiving Service—Thanksgiving**  
services will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the First Methodist church, will preach the sermon.

**Finnish Lutheran.**  
Finnish Swedish Lutheran Church, Rev. T. H. Ronka, pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Morning service at 10 a. m. Evening service at 7:30; subject, "The Judgment." Thanksgiving service next Thursday at 11 a. m.

**The Spiritual Church.**  
The First Spiritual Church of Astoria will hold their regular Sunday evening service in the basement of the A. O. U. W. hall at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to be present.

**PUBLICITY ORGANIZATION.**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Perry Belmont, president of the publicity law organization said yesterday "in regard to the observance of the new publicity law:

"The Publicity Law Organization has received from its Albany representative copies of the statements filed with the Secretary of State by political committees. The law committee of the organization has found a very gratifying compliance with the provisions of the new law. The statements are in the main accurate and complete.

**DEMAND INCREASE.**  
Pullman Employees Want an Increase Wages.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—In line with the recent wage increases granted to the men in the operating departments of various trunk lines running into Chicago, the men in the operating department of the Pullman Company, the Times says today, have in contemplation a request to the officers of the eastern division for a similar increase in their rate of pay.

**Croup.**  
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