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WEATHER.

Western Washington and Washington—Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain near the coast; and by rain or snow in the interior; warmer.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

The name of this man will go down the centuries as the best and cleanest type of his race ever known. He is so immeasurably above the common herd of his fellows that in no sort of fairness, can his life and character be taken as a measure of race standard. He has done a noble life-work among, and for, his people, and is honored everywhere for his bravery, brain and indomitable purpose, as well as for the immensity of his achievement in the interest of the negro; but he is only one of his kind; there are none to match him in intelligence nor honesty, nor ambition; he is a rare avia, and this fact impetates the gratitude of his race for the blessings he has wrought for it. In no case of human progress, does the exception prove the rule so absolutely as in this instance. The negro, in the mass, is as raw today as he ever was; he is constitutionally inert, and to this fundamental cause, and not to white domination, must he attribute his continued and radical failure. With rarest exceptions, he is a bearer of burdens and the ordinances of nature are not easily combated.

A NOVEL ISSUE.

The Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association has applied at Tacoma, Washington, for a mandamus to compel the Northern Pacific Railway Company to furnish the necessary cars to transport the untold millions of feet of lumber denied shipment, and attacking the status of that road as a common carrier. The suit should be forced to the uttermost limit of review because it is infinitely essential, not only for the railway company itself, but for all businesses relying upon the railway for transportation, and must, of necessity, tend to adjust some of the rank injustices now prevailing against the great industries of the country. We believe, however, that long before the courts have sent down a decision in the premise, the situation will have been relieved by the accumulation of new rolling stock that will break the congestion and placate the interest that is seeking the decision. But all the same, a careful ruling on the vital subject, as prayed for, will be of incalculable value in the event of another tie-up and hasten its release, to the comfort and profit of all concerned.

THE HOLD-UP, AN INDUSTRY.

So frequent, so broad-based, so skillful, so common has the act of holding up people, banks, trains, hotels, etc., in this country become, that the thing is fast taking on the semblance of a regular industry, an illusion eked out by the immense percentage of failure of the police and constabulary to arrest and convict the perpetrators. It would seem that all that is necessary is to so time the event and place that sheer surprise shall constitute the main feature of the episode, the revolver and a raucous voice contributing, incidentally, to its invariable success. The further the thing is carried, the more polished and artistic

will it become, until some day it will be deemed a delightful diversion to be held-up by the accomplished and graceful manipulator of the scheme, and the old days of gallantry on the highway will be forgotten in the newer and dandier adventure. If someone would open a school for the proper training of the young in this lively and fascinating pursuit of the other man's dollar, it would be no doubt rushingly patronized and lend a culture and naturalness to the art that would rob it of the sense of robbery now attaching to it.

HANDS OFF!

When Frederick Fay, the strike-leader at Hamilton, Ont., hears from his appeal to this government for protection against the mandate of the Dominion Government ordering him out of that territory, he will be sorry, because this government has a fashion of keeping its hands off in matters of that sort. Washington will probably say, that having gone there of his own volition, raised a rumpus in which he got the worst of it, put himself in an altogether ambiguous position, and invited the rigor of the Canadian statutes, he is without claim or standing for interference on the part of Uncle Sam; and such a conclusion will be quite righteous, as well as a patent lesson to other agitators on like errands bent if he had been imposed upon, denied his rights, divested of his property, or other harsh procedure had been enacted against him, an innocent traveler, or resident in the land of the Canucks, we should be glad to see him righted on the instant, but since the potter is all of his own brewing, his cry for national redress will be heard, and promptly sat down on.

MARKETS CLOSED.

In an address at the Farmers' National Congress at Rock Island, Ill., lately, Governor A. B. Cummins of Iowa, said:

"I believe in an adjustment of the tariff to give the farmers the right to hold their own business. Some misguided mind has succeeded in getting the gates of France closed against the American farmer and possibly by the first of March, the gates of Germany will also be closed. The surplus of the soil must find an outlet in foreign markets, and to that end the farmers are most vitally interested."

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The Department of Agriculture employs a machine to smoke cigars. It has four mouthpieces, in each of which a cigar is inserted. For ten seconds the smoke is drawn in and is then puffed out, the process being repeated every half minute. While the "inhaling" is going on, the way in

which the filling and the wrapper burn are carefully noted, the ash is examined and the odor of the burning tobacco observed. The plant from which each of the cigars is made is known and the one that makes the best showing in the competition is selected for planting. The test is proving an aid to the American tobacco industry by teaching the farmers what kind of tobacco to plant in order to receive the highest financial returns.

The first negro state fair ever held in the history of the world opened last week at Macon, Ga. There is a good display of agricultural products, arts, slavery relics and handicrafts of the crafts. The fair is to continue for a week. Booker T. Washington seems to be the ruling spirit of the show, opening it with a stirring speech in which he said the fair would be a great help at this time, when the negroes feel despondent over recent troubles. There was no need to despair, he said, for a good chance awaits every negro in the south who is law abiding and industrious. The trouble was caused by the ignorant negro, he declared. His advice was to work.

Federal agents charge the theft of millions of dollars' worth of public land in Utah by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad and a subsidiary company.

There's so much prosperity in the country that the get-rich-quick man is making a tremendous onslaught on the people with savings. Watch out for him.

A Nebraska member of the national House of Representatives has refunded to the government \$1,900 which he drew as salary for time that he did not spend in Congress.

A writer in London Truth says that in twenty years America will be much the greatest nation on the globe. In twenty years? Which is much the greatest nation on the globe now?

The Pennsylvania railroad has decided that it will issue no more return trip tickets. The Pennsylvania must have a lot of patrons it would like to see leave home with no way of getting back.

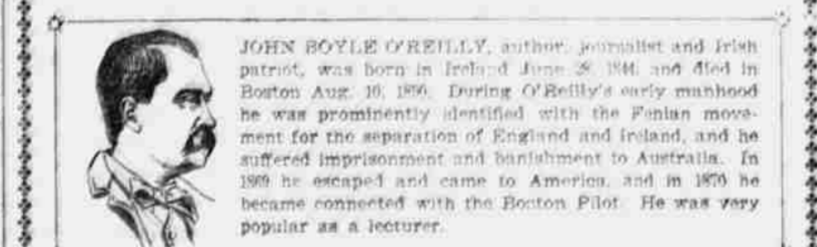
Group.

A reliable medicine and one that should always be kept in the home for immediate use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will prevent the attack if given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears. For sale by Frank Hart, the Leading Druggist.

Babies' health depends upon babies' food. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the best baby medicine known to loving mothers. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

A Poem for Today

A LOST FRIEND
By John Boyle O'Reilly



JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY, author, journalist and Irish patriot, was born in Ireland June 26, 1844, and died in Boston Aug. 10, 1896. During O'Reilly's early manhood he was prominently identified with the Fenian movement for the separation of England and Ireland, and he suffered imprisonment and banishment to Australia. In 1869 he escaped and came to America, and in 1870 he became connected with the Boston Pilot. He was very popular as a lecturer.

My friend he was, my friend from all the rest;
With childlike faith he oped to me his breast;
No door was locked on altar, grave or grief;
No weakness veiled; concealed no disbelief;
The hope, the sorrow and the wrong were bare,
And, ah, the shadow only showed the fair!

I gave him love for love, but deep within
I imagined each frailty into sin;
Each hill topped foible in the sunset glow,
Obscuring values where sterner virtues flowed;
Reproof became reproach, till common grew
The captious word at every fault I knew.
He smiled upon the censorship and bore
With patient love the touch that wounded sore,
Until at length, so had my blindness grown,
He knew I judged him by his faults alone.

Alone of all men I, who knew him best,
Refused the gold, to take the dross for test;
Cold strangers honored for the worth they saw;
His friend forgot the diamond in the flaw.

At last it came—the day he stood apart,
When from my eyes he proudly veiled his heart,
When carping judgment and uncertain yard
A stern resentment in his bosom stirred,
When in his face I read what I had been
And with his vision saw what he had seen.

Too late! Too late! Oh, could he then have known
When his love died that mine had perfect grown,
That when the veil was drawn, abused, chastised,
The censor stood, the lost one truly prized.

Too late we learn. A man must hold his friend
Unjudged, accepted, trusted to the end.

FINANCIAL.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Astoria National Bank
No. 4403.

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business November 15, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	.....	\$325,619.80
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	.....	10,005.45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	.....	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	.....	600.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	.....	54,834.75
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	.....	4,000.00
Other real estate owned	.....	8,233.41
Due from State Banks and Bankers	.....	5,537.08
Due from approved reserve agents	.....	282,053.87
Checks and other cash items	.....	332.58
Notes of other National Banks	.....	380.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	.....	802.63
Lawful Money reserve in bank, viz:		
Specie	.....	\$44,237.75
Legal-tender notes	.....	44,342.75
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per cent of circulation)	.....	625.00
Total	.....	\$749,887.27

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	.....	50,000.00
Surplus fund	.....	35,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	.....	16,772.22
National Bank notes outstanding	.....	12,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	.....	\$351,308.81
Demand certificates of deposit	.....	38,580.77
Time certificates of deposit	.....	245,926.47
Total	.....	\$749,887.27

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Nov. 1906.

GEORGE C. FULTON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
GEO. H. GEORGE,
A. SCHERNECKAU,
GEO. W. WARREN,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 12th, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	.....	\$459,032.16
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	.....	3,651.74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	.....	35,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	.....	500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	.....	43,130.00
Other real estate owned	.....	3,000.00
Due from National Banks, (not reserve agents)	.....	130,717.26
Due from State Banks and Bankers	.....	53,771.14
Due from approved reserve agents	.....	308,876.34
Checks and other cash items	.....	149.46
Notes of other National Banks	.....	1,385.00
Nickels and cents	.....	381.08
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:		
Specie	.....	\$164,000.00
Legal tender notes	.....	450.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	.....	1,250.00
Total	.....	\$1,113,294.08

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	.....	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	.....	27,209.79
National Bank notes outstanding	.....	25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	.....	\$731,621.74
Demand certificates of deposit	.....	210,062.55
Total	.....	\$1,113,294.08

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1906.

G. A. COOLIDGE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
G. C. FLAVEL,
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