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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair, easterly winds.
Western Washington—Fair in south, probably rain in northern portion.

NURSING THE GRIEVANCE.

The colored people of the country have a genuine grievance. To the normal negro this is an unqualified blessing; without a grievance he is at a distinct loss. Of course, the educated colored man or woman is able to make due estimate of such afflictions and to treat them as other people do, with honest common-sense, forbearance and philosophy; but the ordinary ignorant, un-aspiring, everyday negro, simply revels in the possession of a real affliction, especially if it is some one else's. Those who know the race in its real simplicity, are aware of this foible and usually treat it with kindly consideration, and not with unfeeling contempt.

The outcome of the present overwrought tension among the blacks in the matter of the discharge of the three colored regiments from the United States army, depends largely on the good sense of the leaders among the race. If their counsel is moderate and sensible and they do not use their place and influence to stir up the excitable and unreasoning nature of their followers, the whole matter will die down and become a thing of the past, but if they employ their talents and prerogatives, to urge resentment, retaliation and resistance, they, and the race, are doomed to bitter disappointment than they have ever known before. The white people of America are not the enemies of the negro in any sense, when the negro is orderly, law-abiding and quiet, but they know the negro to the core, have borne a vast deal from him, and will not take patiently to undue demands, and not at all to threats. The negro is no better than the white man, and the white man has his own infinite burden of troubles to face and live down, and the black man can do the same, or take the rest of it, as it shall come at his own behest.

BADLY NEEDED.

Alvin H. Sanders, editor of the Breeder's Gazette and chairman of the American Reciprocal Tariff League in opening his address at the recent live stock conference on foreign markets held at Kansas City, said:

"Live cattle and hogs have been selling in Germany for a year past at approximately fifteen cents per pound. Horse meat and dog sausage enter into the daily diet of the people. In the city of Paris horse steak is also regularly handled and frugal housewives buy legs and wings of chickens because they cannot afford a whole fowl or a cut of beef. These two countries alone have a population of ninety-nine million people; a large proportion of whom are now practically meatless. That is one side of the picture. What is the reverse?"

"Dressed beef is going out of our Chicago packing houses at an average price of about 6 1/2 cents per pound. A large supply of ordinary stock daily crosses the scales in our leading markets at \$3.25@4.50 per cwt. This class of cattle while not up to the requirements of our Eastern and English shipping trade would 'look good' on

the docks of Hamburg and Bremen, to people who are now eating cats and dogs and goats; or if offered in every city and village throughout France and Germany in the form of dressed, canned, corned or barreled beef the product would meet with a grateful reception from a hungry people.

"Our market for fat native steers is sustained fairly well because London plays an important hand in that branch of the trade, but not every cattle grower can furnish bullocks good enough for John Bull; hence the question of better markets for the lower-priced sorts becomes a matter of prime importance to vastly more people than are interested in the 'tops.'"

A BLACK YEAR.

By way of railway and marine disasters, floor, fire, famine and mine horrors, earthquakes and criminal violence in every conceivable form, 1906 seems to be making the star record of the young century. May the tide of suffering, loss and untoward death turn with the dawn of the new year, and give mankind surcease from the dreary volume now encompassing the world. Of a certainty, there is always the happy old standard of the superabundance of good to measure down the dismal record of the year, but in the holocaust of evil very few of us ever think to use it. The rule of the times, as we have known them, has always been that the blessings have invariably discounted the burdens of life, and we believe most people are willing to nourish the comfortable calculation; so, black as the year has been, there is ample of light and hope and peace and comfort and cheer, to counter-balance its sum of wretchedness.

MILLER'S MURDERERS.

It is the hope of every man in Clatsop county that Sheriff Pomeroy may be able to reach the issue of final conviction in the case of the men who abused, robbed and murdered John D. Miller in this county, last week. The death of the victim is to be deplored in more ways than one, particularly, that now his evidence as to the identity of the foul hounds that beset him, will not be available. The testimony must, of necessity, be purely circumstantial, yet the hope is not vain, that it may be so clear and damning as to warrant the imposition of a life sentence of imprisonment. It was a foul and miserable crime and merits the utmost rigor of the law. Good luck to the sheriff and every officer who has part and parcel in the work of reprisal against the merciless men who did the deed.

THOSE FIFTEEN AMENDMENTS.

The idea of calling a public meeting for the discussion of the fifteen new amendments to the charter of Astoria, is a good one, though it goes without saying that anything like general discussion could not be had at a single session; there would have to be adjourned meetings, and we doubt if the popular interest would hold out for very many. It is the rule of municipal life now-a-days to remain indifferent to all such matters until the hour of reaction comes after the laws have been enacted. It is one of the follies of the times. We shall be glad to see an intelligent review of the amendments in an open mass-meeting and will do all possible to further the attainment of a right and wholesome conception of the pending measures in the public mind.

THAT \$10,000 MONUMENT.

Let every Clatsop citizen take a hand in influencing Congress, through Oregon's senators at Washington, in behalf of that modest appropriation for the erection of a monument on the site of Fort Clatsop, in this county. It is essential that all should do what they may to emphasize the deep interest felt here in the historic spots for which this county should be famous. The Chamber of Commerce, all the civic and fraternal bodies, the very school-children and their teachers; everybody with a living interest in the city, county and state, and in the glories of the great past, should devise some method of contributing to this real, popular cause.

"THANKS BE!"

The day has come, and gone; thanks have been given, if any there were; we have gratified our appetites; played our football; have done the sober, and the foolish thing, inspired by the occasion, and are now ready for the current affairs of business including the interrupted deal whereby we hope to best our neighbor and accumulate something to be grateful for next year. As a holiday, Thanksgiving Day is quite a success.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

An elephant farm has been started in Texas, a state into which the g. o. p. elephant has scarcely dared to venture.

There is some talk of establishing a "model city" near Pittsburg. If it is too near Pittsburg it will not be model very long.

It takes just one second of time for electricity to travel 288,000 miles; a greater distance than from the earth to the moon.

It is not generally known that the government has in its employ a man who does nothing all the year around but kill mountain lions.

The Wankee cigarette trust are seeking to capture the whole of the world's cigarette leaf. The Turkish government is fighting them now.

The United States will, in future wars, put a metal tag around the neck of each soldier to identify them in case they are killed.

The American hen lays enough eggs in a year to reach around the world fourteen times, and even then she could rest long enough to fly around it herself.

Sumatra grows the largest flower in the world. It measures a yard and three inches across, and its cup will hold six quarts of water. Rafflesia Arnoldi is its name.

IN THE CITY THEATERS.

AT THE STAR.

On December 3 the Taylor Players will appear in "The Light House by the Sea." Manager Gevurtz promises a scenic production that will surprise and please everyone. The play has been for several seasons past a big success and the best critics say it will continue to be so for a good many seasons to come. The players are the best; some of them are known here, having played this city at different times. As they have been together for a year and are accustomed to each other, they are in a position to give the most artistic and finished performance of any stock company in

the west. The stage has been remodeled and made larger, making it possible to give a much better production in the house than in the past.

MACK SWAIN THEATER CO.

"The Midnight Express" which was presented at the Astoria Theater last night by the Swain company, is a most interesting and sensational melodrama and gave the best of satisfaction to an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. The stage settings were appropriate and beautiful and the climax at the end of the play—the flight of the Midnight Express train—was the acme of realism, and positively thrilling. Cora King Swain as "Bessie Brandon," was, as usual, excellent; Mack Swain, as "Dave Holt," proved that he is capable of other work than comedy; Alf Layne was very good as "Richard Kingston"; Bert Frank won the excretion of all for a natural rendition of the rascally "Meredith"; Wm. Hutchinson was most amusing as the country bumpkin, "Bob"; and Geo. Berrell, E. C. Hunt, Daisy D'Arva and Anna Jordan gave excellent portrayals of the roles assigned them. For the matinee today "The Notorious Mrs. Gay" will be presented and "The Midnight Express" will be repeated tonight and at both performances tomorrow. Next week will be the last of the Swain company's engagement here, and there will be a change of bill every night.

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.

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