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WEATHER. Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain.

THE SUPREME THING.

The effort now being made by J. N. Teal at Washington for a joint appropriation for the Cello canal and the Columbia river bar is a blunder, a huge and unforgivable blunder; and will result either in the defeat of both projects or so meagre an allotment for the joint objects as will amount to the same thing.

Col. W. S. Roessler has openly and plainly declared for the single and final appropriation for the bar, alone, in contravention of all government aid, for the time being for any other enterprise in the state; the Oregonian, speaking for the state, has made the same plain and honest declaration.

It is raw folly for Teal, or any other representative citizen, to seek to use the one essential need of the whole state as a lever for extracting Congressional aid for a scheme that is admittedly a Portland venture, and harness his plea to the leading and most imperative requirement of the whole state. Every influence in Oregon should be exerted to excluding this man and his specious plea from the path and source of the aid so essential to the supreme need of Oregon. His attitude and argument before Congress in this mission, must, sooner or later, assume a "dog in the manger" phase, whereupon Congress will disgustedly deny both pleas or grant so meagre an answer to each as to utterly minify and disparage both.

For the sake of achieving the one cardinal commercial necessity of the whole Columbia basin, the Cello canal should be instantly and completely dropped from sight and consideration and so kept until the last and amplest provision is made for the completion of the great sea-channel that shall make the Cello canal and all other subsidiary elements of Oregon commerce, necessary, and practicable.

Aside from the immense commercial value inherent in the early completion of the bar project, the government must soon look to its strategic utility and provide depths thereon that will give refuge to the navies of the nation in the event of war. It is the second great harbor on the Pacific that shall be relied upon in the event of hostilities and the channels leading to it must be cleared and deepened and widened until no question shall remain of its instant efficacy for all naval purposes. This, of itself, should be enough to warrant Congress in doing all that can be done for the Columbia river bar. As things stand now the United States has but one great coast depot for naval resort and equipment on the Pacific, San Francisco. San Diego bay is too small and unprotected, naturally, to afford a base and asylum for refuge, equipment and establishment in a naval campaign; Puget Sound lies behind hundreds of miles of coast flanked by a foreign government, allied, under given conditions, against us, in the prosecution of a trans-Pacific war, and the Bremerton Yard would be practically useless in so grave an emergency.

The Columbia river and its undisturbed national predilection, wholly in touch with every atom of national resource, would become, aside from San Francisco, the only place on wholly

American soil, amenable to the extraordinary demands of the government at such a juncture; and if this were the sole reason for the granting of an immediate and adequate appropriation for securing and maintaining channels across its bar, it would be enough; but taking the two potent reasons, an amplified commerce, and the national security, the question becomes vast enough to invite the best and wisest disposition of Congress; and to attain to this, the hampering and illogical issues, such as the Cello canal, should be promptly relegated to the rear.

The day may come, all too soon, when the government shall deplore the wretched blunders of the past in this relation, and to commit another now would be deliberately suicidal. The Columbia river bar is first and pre-eminent among the crying needs of the country. All else can wait indefinitely.

FOR ASTORIA'S SAKE!

The Morning Astorian makes its final plea, in the name of good government, and in behalf of the whole people of the municipality, for the defeat of the amendment to section No. 143 of the present charter, which takes the Astoria Water Commission from its present safe and wholesome exclusion, only to plunge it into the political turmoil and uproar incident to an elective establishment. It is the one element of city business utterly free from the snarl and confusion and reproach of the political regimen and there is no earthly reason to hand it over to the spottlemen and degrade it to the level of a "gang nursery" for the exploitation of drafters and the use of the bosses as a means of paying campaign debts, and other choice obligations. Vote "No" when you come to it, and save the one institution unassociated with the nastiness of current politics; by doing this you will do yourself and your city and your children, a plain and down-right favor, and keep one big department of your local business clean, and free from the contempt and disfavor inseparable from the cult. Save the water commission, now; and congratulate yourself for all time to come!

Vote early, because the scanning of the long ticket requires time. Don't wait an hour after the polls are open!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

To bleach a garment hang it on the line during nice weather and let it take dew and sunshine, but no rain.

The Japanese lover, instead of an engagement ring, may give his future bride a piece of beautiful silk, to be worn as a sash.

There are sweet girls and good girls and pretty girls, but the cleverest girl in the bunch is the one with a bump of old fashioned horse sense.

It has been estimated that should any one desire to purchase the railways of the world, his outlay would amount to something like \$36,659,000,000.

A Kansas editor has hit upon the discovery that among the girls of today there are more breadwinners than breadmakers.

The last surviving widow of a Revolutionary soldier has died at the age of 93 years. When she was married to the soldier he was 75 and she was 23 years old.

A New York paper asks which is more to be depended on, the blonde or the brunette. For brainy mental balance, the brunette every time. The blonde is lightheaded.

Cranberries can be made very palatable with much less sugar by mixing them with about half their bulk of apples. Rub both cranberries and apples through a colander.

No woman need lack some kind of beauty. If nature has denied her a beautiful face she can make up for it by acquiring a beautiful head of hair or wonderful graces of form.

That imposing congress of eminent ecclesiastics and savants at Philadelphia, met to discuss a uniform divorce law for the United States to be enacted by congress after four days of "painful" deliberation, finally agreed substantially upon the following to be embodied in the law to cover the causes for divorce from bed and board: Adultery, bigamy at the suit of injured party to first marriage, conviction and sentence of two years for crime, extreme cruelty on the part of husband or wife, to such an extent as

A Poem for Today

VENICE

By John Hay



LOVE, in the summer night do you recall, Midnight, and Venice, and those skies of June, Thick strewn with stars, when from the still lagoon We gazed noiseless to the dim canal? A sense of some forgotten festival Hung over us, and our own hearts beat in tune With passionate memories, which the young moon Lit up on dome and tower and palace wall. We dreamed what ghosts of bygone love made part Of that still night and trembling, amorous air, I saw in those rich beams that kissed your hair, Those breezes warm with bygone lovers' sighs, All the old beauties of Venice in your eyes. All the dead loves of Venice in my heart.

to endanger life of either or render cohabitation unsafe, willful desertion for two years, habitual drunkenness for a like period, and hopeless insanity of the husband.

'Tis estimated that there are about 50,000 different secret proprietary compounds, medicines, "foods," liquor "cures," complexion dopes and so forth, upon the American market. How many will there be when the new law compels the manufacturers to put on the label the amount of alcohol or dangerous drugs contained in each preparation? The American people will surely get their eyes open to the great evils that have been hiding behind some innocent-looking remedies!

NOTICE.

Bids are hereby asked for the boarding of the county prisoners during the year 1907. Said bids to state price per meal delivered to Sheriff at county jail. All bids to be filed with the clerk by noon of Saturday, Dec. 29, 1906. Court reserving the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the County Court.

J. C. CLINTON, County Clerk. Astoria, Ore., Dec. 6, 1906.

Bee's Laxative Cough Syrup containing Honey and Tar, is especially appropriate for children, no opiates or poisons of any character, conforms to the conditions of the National Pure Food and Drug Law, June 30, 1906. For Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. It expels Coughs and Colds by gently moving the bowels. Guaranteed. Sold by Frank Hart's Drug Store.

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REWARD.

Twenty-five dollars reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who dropped three of our street arc lamps in the street in Uppertown and Alderbrook on the night of December 7 or the morning of December 8.

ASTORIA ELECTRIC CO. 12-9-11

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is L. W. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 130. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after having taken 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold Cure. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, Druggist, 56c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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WHAT'S

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be well cured. A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles, and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navesota, Texas, writes: "I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." Harts Drug Store.

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