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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Wash-
ington—Occasional rain.

PORTLAND IN UPROAR.

The metropolis is in the throes of a street-car strike of sweeping proportions. It is not entirely unexpected, as there has been a contention of long standing between the railway combine and its employees. These ruptures are always deplorable, not only in the sense of the overwhelming inconvenience to the traveling public, and the cessation of well-established business interests and their vogue, as followed by high and low, rich and poor; but that they furnish opportunities for the interference of the rank and rough outsider with nothing to lose, nor gain, by his "butting in." For the sake of the city and its business interests, it is to be hoped the company will concede the reasonable demands of the men and call off the strenuous situation. The employees demand the withdrawal of the rule of photographing of every employe who enters the service, is an insult to their manhood, and a weapon in the hands of the company for debarring them from service on other systems, and a requirement that has the "penal" touch about it, since only rogues and convicts are photographed prior to admission in jails and pens; and they ask a reasonable advance in pay. These granted, the strike will be called off at once. It is evident the people of Portland are in hearty sympathy with the men and their cause, and this element is promptly characterized as "the mob," and charged with all the disreputable things said and done in the interest of the striking carmen. Their never was a strike on earth that the "human vulture," the chronic, non-working, bibulous and detestable bum, did not put himself in nasty evidence somewhere, while decent citizens and honest workmen bore the brunt of his coarse and evil work. We hope the matter will be settled quickly and satisfactorily to all concerned, before any great lapse of time shall have given cause, and rise, for graver criminal acts so inseparable from such contingencies. Portland has a fine street car service and the men who do the car-duty there have always been accounted an exceptionally capable and well ordered group, and it is hoped they, and the city, will get all that is coming and that the trouble may be speedily adjusted.

A TWENTY-MINUTE BLAZE.

No county in all Oregon needs a new and commodious court house more than Clatsop does. The old, dingy, dark, ram-shackle trap now serving is a disgrace, and a menace to the safety of the public records and public business. If the new propositions in relation to the finishing of the projected and half-completed building (which is also, become more or less a reproach to the county) can, by any stretch of popular approval and business adaptation, be carried out successfully, the county will gain immeasurably by the sacrifices that must be made. A twenty-minute blaze in the present quarters at the right moment, would reduce them to ashes and involve the county in loss and confusion, the sum of which, in money, would make the \$30,000 now estimated, look like a bagatelle. The question lies ready for early solution,

squarely between the tax-payers and the county court, and we venture the hope that the order will go forth to finish the work during 1907, lest we fail, for years to come, of the realization, on the score of the steadily increasing cost of materials and labor. It is either NOW; or wait until the certain revolution to all this extraordinary access of inflated values and evanescent prosperity shall subside; when it will probably be a public blessing to let the contract and give that much to the patent needs of idle workmen and equally needy dealers in building materials.

A CITY AFLOAT.

The Mauretania, the greatest steamship afloat, that has been building since 1904, and whose hull has just been launched on the river Tyne, in England, and which was witnessed by two hundred thousand people, will not be ready for the initial trip until another autumn. The mammoth ship is seven hundred feet long with a breadth of eighty-five feet, and the height of the smokestacks is one hundred and fifty-five feet with a diameter of twenty-four feet. It is to be propelled by turbine engines of 70,000 horse-power, driving four shafts, each of which is fitted with one three-bladed propeller. The Mauretania will carry 2,200 passengers and with the ship's crew which will number more than 800 there will be a complement of passengers and crew of over 3,100. Some of the special features will be en suite rooms, the dining saloon, a veranda cafe, a nursery for children, electric elevators, a complete telephone system and a special study of lighting and ventilation has been made and no fewer than twelve hundred windows and side lights will be used. Five thousand electric lights are to be used for the illumination of the new Cunarder. The builders claim that such care will have been expended in the building of the structure that it will be as unsinkable as a ship can be. There are 15,000 tons of steel in the keel, frame and sheathing and the steel plates that cover the frame number 26,000, the largest being forty feet long and weighing between four and five tons. To secure these plates to one another and to the frame, over four million rivets were used, aggregating in weight five hundred tons. This big ship complies with the requirements as an armed cruiser for an armament of twelve six-inch guns, which represent her offensive powers.

NO BARRING THE BAR.

The Columbia River is no local stream, serving a single state, nor a restricted district of country, but an artery permeating hundreds of thousands of square miles of northwestern territory, and serving four great states in its thousands of miles of flow. Its mouth and its sea bar are the infinitely essential elements of the great stream. Unless they are wide open, accessible, safe and traversable, both way at all times by all manner of craft, the interior channels may as well remain choked and shallow and unuseable. There is not a country on earth that would have ignored such a superb commercial avenue for all these years as we have ignored this river. The measure of service that might be rendered by the Columbia river were the proper depths maintained upon its bar is calculable only by the great Mississippi, and the day will come when this huge highway will be utilized to proportionate commerce; but never, until the government has done its last duty by the barrier that lies across its entrance.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The birds that sing their sweetest songs build their nests low.

The moment of hesitation is most always the fatal moment.

Men are righteous or bad, oftentimes, according to the meal they've had.

No man has a right to rise at the expense of another's downfall.

Egotism is a sure sign of an empty heart and head.

Death is a vast democracy; equal rights to all, special privileges to none.

WHAT'S

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