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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain or snow; colder in south portion.

THE LEAD-LINE.

In all trades and professions known to man there are, invariably, some original, simple, organic, principal things that no amount of progress, invention, development nor exploitation can supersede nor force out of existence, and among these sturdy practical utilities, is the lead-line of the ship and the sailor. It is among the very simplest and earliest of the things the seaman is taught; his education would be incomplete without it. Like the very compass itself it is among the organic elements of his life and service. It has a definite purpose and does its work faithfully, quickly and accurately, and often tells the mariner a seasonable and valuable story. Coiled on deck, or hung idly on a pin-rail, it signifies nothing, but in the water, recording the depth over which precious values and lives are being driven to some given market or haven, it becomes an instrument of vital importance, and its neglect is one of the rankest sins of seamanship and navigation. That it has been neglected in the near-by waters of the Pacific during this winter season is so patent to all practical people hereabout, that they are beginning to marvel at the history it is making. Perhaps the proven stories of its reckless non-use may serve in a measure to make it once more the popular and serviceable agency it has been counted among mariners for centuries past. It is to be hoped so, for the sake of this port and all others on the Pacific coast.

CLATSOP'S OFFICIAL HOME.

It is to be most earnestly hoped that the people and the county court, of Clatsop county, can come to a thorough understanding, entirely favorable to the immediate building of the court house, or rather the finishing of the structure already underway. It is paramount among the public needs of the county. Every element of expediency urges the doing of the work; the safety of the records; the cleanliness, comfort and despatch in the doing of the public service, in and for the county; the pride of the people in having a real court-house instead of a costly suggestion ever-present to annoy and be laboriously explained away to the inquisitive stranger. It is the only county in the State of Oregon without a real official home, and its building cannot be delayed much longer, without discredit and actual loss. The present habitat of the county staff with the ever-increasing mass of immensely valuable books and papers, is becoming gorged with accumulations, and the dark, unwholesome, and ill ventilated shack, a menace to health, and a hindrance to the proper disposal of the people's business. If it is within the possibilities to close out the contracts for the completion of the building, let it be done at this session of the county court and bring to an end a condition of vacillation and ambiguity only equalled by the positive danger and discomfort it entails.

DAY OF RECKONING.

The legislative assembly of the state

of Oregon, for the year 1907, has a magnificent opportunity to reckon up accounts with the railroads of the state, and demonstrate the Rooseveltian principle of a "square deal." It is so long since the people of Oregon have had anything approaching honest consideration at the hands of the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Companies, that the forcing of their hands, for once, at least, will be counted an unparalleled blessing. It is time the state was taking over the supremacy in the issue and compelling its observance by those arbitrary, and, heretofore, governing, factors. It is not wise to seek to deprive the roads of anything that honestly belongs to them; that would be but to duplicate their own code and disgrace the state; but every man and measure that stands for the emancipation of the people from the thrall of perversion and imposition, due to railway domination, must be put to work honestly, quickly and thoroughly, in the repeal of old laws and the passage of new and remedial edicts, that shall restore the prestige of the state and the rights of the people. It is going to take manliness and skill and courage to do it, but we believe these qualities are available in abundance and as for cause and dependable predicate, they are super-abundant. The day is at hand, the contest unescapable, and the people expect something very definite and practical in the way of relief.

PASSING OF THE PASSES.

The anti-pass law is in effect all over this blessed Union, and it is a good thing for all concerned, it frees the people from an insidious evil in the consideration and treatment of the great transportation companies, and leaves the popular hand untied in dealing with corporate encroachment; it wipes out the sense of responsibility and gratitude that goes with such favors, and puts both the company and beneficiary on better and sounder footing; it banishes the element of reproach that stung every man in possession of a pass every time he used it; it is the more healthful and honest system, and clears the way for decent and unhampered intercourse as between the people and the common-carriers. It is as good for the one as the other, and will prove its efficacy from the very day of its operation.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Now that the President has appointed as Civil Service Commissioner Mr. McIlhenny, of Louisiana, the man who makes tobacco sauce, it is recalled that Roosevelt himself put a little ginger into that commission fifteen years ago.

It is about time for the old joke that New Year's day comes just a week after Christmas, but that this year Christmas and New Year's day are not on the same day of the week.

On the surface, the Japanese situation looks well in hand, but great guns! Suppose Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco, should invade Japan!

The magistrates and police in Portland still criticize one another, but it would be injudicious for any crook to repeat the remark of the man about the future life—that he had friends in both places.

If slot machines in the New York subway, why not phonographs to alleviate the misery in stalled cars during one of the periodic blockades?

The French physician who has that sure cure for stage fright, should bring it west and sell it to passengers on the overland routes in the mining regions. But then, they now have hold-up drops out here.

"Poet's Notes Bring \$15,000," says a news headline. Horrors! Why wasn't this suppressed? The crop of would-be verse cobblers will now get beyond all bounds.

What an opportunity for new pickings an increase in congressmen's salaries would give the hotels, landlords and boarding-houses of Washington!

In a safe robbery in the remote Northwest, it is said that the robbers left in disgust upon finding with no parcels of coal or other valuables.

Since Worcester ruled "Eve's Dairy" out of the public library, all the chickens offered for sale in that market have to be dressed.

It seems too bad that a half-million-dollar trial should be lavished on a thirty-cent criminal!

WASHINGTON SWELLS

Society at the Great Capital and Its Christmas Doings.

CHILDREN THE CHIEF ELEMENT

Leading People in the Nation's Social Ranks—What They Wore, Did, Thought—Big Wedding in Japan—Odds and Ends.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1, 1907.—Washington laid aside affairs of state and formal social duties to enter genuinely into the Christmas festivities.

There was no Christmas tree at the White House, but all the members of Mr. Roosevelt's family were present and gifts and greetings were exchanged in the President's private office, where the family assembled after an early breakfast. In the afternoon they went around to the home of Rear Admiral and Mrs. William S. Cowles, where the children found a Christmas tree awaiting them. Dinner was served in the state dining room for nineteen persons, including Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, and Senator and Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt left early Thursday morning for their little country place "Pine Knot," Virginia, where they will spend a few days of quiet and leisure, returning here in time for the New Year's reception.

The Vice President and members of the Cabinet spent Christmas day quietly with their families, and the British, Austrian, German, Brazilian, French, Mexican and Italian embassies all had Christmas trees. Mme. Quezada, wife of the Cuban minister, had a Christmas tree party for her children and their little friends of the diplomatic corps.

The wedding of Miss Halle Erminie Rives, of Virginia, and Post Wheeler, the second secretary of the American embassy to Japan, took place at four o'clock in the afternoon. Miss Rives is well known in Washington, where she spent two winters. She was entertained at the White House at a dinner and luncheon, and was a guest of Miss Helen Cannon, daughter of the Speaker of the House, to whom she is related. The embassy at Tokio will be gorgeously decked after true Japanese fashion and the bridal couple will stand upon a dais in the big bay window of the front drawing room under a canopy of American and Japanese flags festooned with colonial ivy. Mrs. Wright, wife of the American ambassador, will act as matron of honor, and the best man will be an old Japanese college mate of Mr. Wheeler's who was a student in this country and who now occupies a seat in the Japanese House of Peers.

The bridal costume is the same gown which Miss Rives wore on the occasion of her presentation at the Court of St. James, and is built almost entirely of rose point lace, with a long court train gariandled with empire wreaths. Both bride and matron will carry white orchids. Mr. Wheeler and his bride expect to remain in Japan and it is said that Miss Rives intends to write a novel with scenes laid in the land of the Flowery Kingdom.

The return of Mrs. Martha Hiehorn Blaine, the heliotrope belle," to Washington, after a six months' so-

journ in South Dakota for the purpose of securing a divorce from "Jimmie" Blaine, has caused a ripple of excitement here where Miss Hiehorn was an acknowledged leader of her set and a reigning beauty in society.

The announcement of her marriage to Lieutenant Paul S. Pearsall, a Rough Rider and a wealthy New Yorker, will occasion no surprise as she herself has made no secret of it and the affair has been watched by those who know her and regretted her unfortunate marriage to Mr. Blaine which took place in 1901. Rumor said that Senator Depew was a devoted and a patient admirer of Miss Hiehorn in those days, but her infatuation for young Blaine blinded her to all other suitors, and in spite of the protests of friends and relatives, she married him with the noble intention of working a reformation. The outcome of this matrimonial adventure was the trip to South Dakota some months ago.

Miss Hiehorn started the fad of having all her gowns made in some shade of purple, heliotrope or lavender with which she always wore violets, carrying these flowers even at her wedding in place of the traditional white bouquet. The color was particularly becoming to her and won for her the name of the "heliotrope belle."

"YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY YOUR FARE."

As Washingtonward, one by one, The members took their way, To answer when the roll begun And thus secure their pay, The stern, sad look upon each face— Ah, it was not carved there By problems of the state, but this: "You'll have to pay your fare!"

By R. & O., by P. R. R.

From North and East and West, In plain day coach or parlor car, The same dark cloud o'peared.

The same deep wrinkles marked each brow.

As if the hand of care Had touched them. But, 'twas only "Now,

"You'll have to pay your fare!"

Across the prairies and the hills Despondently they roled,

To vote upon and offer bills And hear the Nation's load.

But not this weight and not this woe Turned gray each statesman's hair.

'Twas this, that now, where'er they go, They'll have to pay their fare!"

Baltimore Sun.

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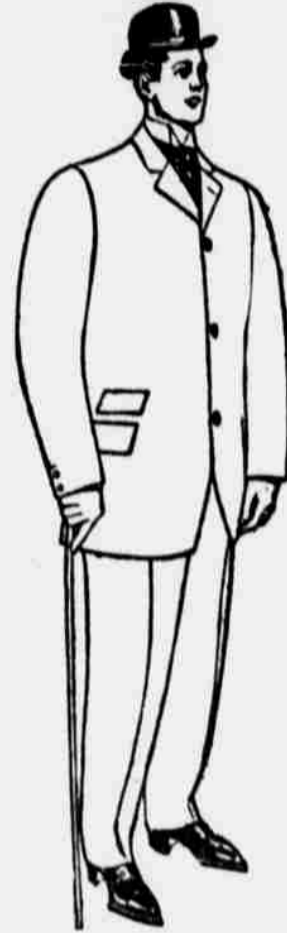
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