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the railways are not quite so over-weening as they were a few months ago, and the cause of their quietude is the manifest anger of the people at their assumption of the role of dictatorship in things commercial. They themselves, are forcing the attainment of this thing, as no other power on earth could force it, and it is in perfect harmony with the essential laws of equity that the opening of the river and the deepening of the bar, should be realized through the sheer, compelling agency of their opposition. The rule of aggression has always been to the over-doing of it, with the poetic reaction of defeat fast following; and the lesson is about to be repeated in this state, we hope. So far as Astoria is concerned, we would be glad to see the upper river, and the lower river, so wide, and deep, and clear, and usable, that the question of its bar would be forever settled in the interests of a magnificent water commerce quite beyond the further interference of the railway octopus. An open river and an impassable bar are as hard to accept as a forty-foot bar with a closed river behind it, and the improvement of both, to the fullest use of both, is the pre-eminent hope and doctrine of Oregon's development.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

It takes the keen analytical mind of a railway attorney to comprehend that a national law which makes it impossible for a company to trade transportation within a state for advertising readily permits the swapping of the same kind of service to state legislators for nothing in particular.

The usual activities of the metropolis will doubtless be suspended while the American Association for the Advancement of Science announces to the world "The Significance of the Grasping Antennae of the Male Harpacticoid Copepods."

Now that the scientists are discussing "the disappearance of blonde types from the American population," it might be as well to look out for a corner in the peroxide of hydrogen market.

Montana newspaper men are now prepared to sympathize with the Milwaukee road builders in respect to the difficulty of finding railway passes through the Rocky mountain region.

General opinion seems to favor the notion that effective reform of the police force must begin with reform in the office of mayor and the city council chamber.

Colonel Bryan manages to make it reasonably plain that the presidential nomination of 1908 will not have to be offered on a silver platter form to be acceptable.

A glance at Tammany's slate for congressmen shows that the supply of Tammany statesmen who wear 6 3/4 hats is still unexhausted.—New York Tribune.

Girls are altogether wrong when they think that if the stenographer is only pretty enough it doesn't make any difference how she spells.—Somerville Journal.

That theatrical presentation which was mobbed in Paris on account of its exceeding nastiness will score a great success in New York.

Some suspicions down east that Mr. Guggenheim of Colorado will be the successor of Senator Clark in the United States senate.

Blanche—Poor Helen. Has the worst been told?
Grace—I think not. They're all waiting for your version.—Smart Set.

Senator Tillman's belief that the white men must control evidently does not extend to their tempers.—Philadelphia North American.

Don't fail to remember that politeness and good temper go a long way in making life's pathway smooth and pleasant.

There's absolutely no excitement in Butte over the political business which is causing all the excitement in Helena.

The car shortage for coal hauling purposes has caused a cash shortage in the Yellowstone Park railway affairs.

Almost time for the near-sighted patriots to notice the approach of a city election.

No immediate danger of car shortage in the water wagon train.

Seeing Butte by candle light is no good way.

We are not a press agent, but we cannot help noting how appropriate it is that a man at Washington by the name of James Wilson should get out an expert discourse on "blended whiskies."

The claim of physicians that one can accustom himself to almost any degree of cold is manifestly true, the senate has become accustomed to Fairbanks. An inventive Californian says a dispatch, now milks two cows at a time "by a pump." Wonder if the word "close" should not be inserted before the "by"?

WEAK, WEARY WOMEN.

Learn the Cause of Daily Woes and End Them.

When the back aches and throbs, When the housework is torture, When night brings no rest nor sleep, When urinary disorders set in, Women's lot is a weary one. There is a way to escape these woes. Doan's Kidney Pills cure such ills. Mrs. Mary Durgardner, of 424 Water street, Salem, Ore., says: "I have found Doan's Kidney Pills a remedy that is worthy of all confidence, and am pleased to endorse them, so that other sufferers from kidney complaint may know how to get relief. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills and several members of our family have used them with the most gratifying results. I took them myself for a tired, aching back and a dragging down feeling that comes from irregular and deranged kidneys. The results were of the best. The aching and soreness were banished and the kidneys were rendered normal. My health became better in every way."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Chas. Rogers' drug store and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Wise Counsel from the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c.

THE ORIGINAL.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar, many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Latest Popular MUSIC

Direct from the publishers
25c Per Copy

See the Show Window.

E. A. Higgins Co.,
SUCCESSORS TO J. N. GRIFFIN
Books Music Stationery

MEN

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY!

To benefit yourselves, and to give us work during the month of January. We are going to sell **20 SUITS for 30 DOLLARS** A SUIT. Suits like these we have been selling for 40 dollars. GIVE US A CALL

Hautala & Raitanen
TAILORS, 491 BOND STREET.

BRONZE MEDAL CALENDAR.

The 1907 calendar of N. W. Ayer & Son, the Philadelphia Advertising agents, is just out, and as usual, it is one of the season's best office calendars.

They have followed the same design used in 1906, but their famous medal and motto "Ke-ep-ing Ev-er-last-ingly At It Brings Success" appear on a bronze foreground, which gives it an exceedingly rich appearance. While the calendar is arranged with a month on each flap the figures are clearly legible across a large room. The blank spaces on the flaps are filled with new and pointed epigrams on advertising and business-building in general.

The calendar is too expensive for general distribution, but while they last, Ayer & Son will mail a copy to any address upon receipt of twenty-five cents. Price 25 cents.

DISTURBED THE CONGREGATION.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

SCALY ERUPTIONS COVERED HIS BODY

Itched Constantly—Scratched Until Blood Flowed—Suffered 10 Years—Doctors and Medicines Were Fruitless—Tries Cuticura and Is Completely Cured

BY THREE BOXES OF CUTICURA OINTMENT

"When I was about nine years old small sores appeared on each of my lower limbs. I scratched them with a brass pin and shortly afterwards both of those limbs became so sore that I could scarcely walk. When I had been suffering for about a month the sores began to heal, but small scaly eruptions appeared where the sores had been. From that time onward I was troubled by such severe itching that, until I became accustomed to it, I would scratch the sores until the blood began to flow. This would stop the itching for a few days, but scaly places would appear again and the itching would accompany them. After I suffered about ten years I made a renewed effort to effect a cure. The eruptions by this time had appeared on every part of my body except my face and hands. The best doctor in my native county advised me to use arsenic in small doses and a salve. I then used to bathe the sores in a mixture which gave almost intolerable pain. In addition I used other remedies, such as iodine, sulphur, zinc salve, —'s Salve, — Ointment, and in fact I was continually giving some remedy a fair trial, never using less than one or two boxes or bottles. All this was fruitless. Finally my hair began to fall out and I was rapidly becoming bald. I used —, but it did no good. A few months after, having used almost everything else, I thought I would try Cuticura Ointment, having previously used Cuticura Soap and being pleased with it. After using three boxes I was completely cured, and my hair was restored, after fourteen years of suffering and an expenditure of at least \$50 to \$60 in vainly endeavoring to find a cure. I shall be glad to write to any one who may be interested in my cure. B. Hiram Mattingsly, Vermillion, S. Dak., Aug. 18, 1906."

Sold throughout the world. Puter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props. Boston, Mass.
Mailed Free, Enclosed in the Skin and Blood.

900 DROPS

CASTORIA

Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of

INFANTS - CHILDREN

Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.

Prepared by **Dr. J. C. FLETCHER**

Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.

The Simple Signature of **Dr. J. C. Fletcher** NEW YORK.

At 6 months old **35 DROPS - 35 CENTS**

EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* In Use For Over Thirty Years **CASTORIA**
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

FISHERMEN, ATTENTION!

SEE OUR WINDOW! EVERYTHING YOU NEED!

PAINT, COTTON ROPE, SAIL-CLOTH, NETTING TWINE, NETTING NEEDLES, OARS & FLOATS

The Ford & Stokes Hardware Co., Inc.
Successors to Ford & Stokes Co.

To Be Happy and Gay

Means not only good things to eat, but also the best of things to drink, and the best of all good drinks is Sund & Carlson's

Rye and Bourbon Whiskies, Choice Wines and Champagnes.

THE COMMERCIAL
509 Commercial St.

APPEARANCES

Often a person is sized up by his appearance; by the tone that surrounds him. And more often a business house is sized up by the stationary it uses. A cheap letter head or a poor bill head gives a mighty poor first impression and makes business harder to transact. Good printing costs no more than poor printing. The first impression is half the battle in business. You wouldn't employ a "sloppy" salesman; why put up with "sloppy" stationery, that gives a wrong impression of the importance of your business. Let us do your printing and help you to make that ten strike.

The J. S. Dellinger Co.
ASTORIA, OREGON

WEATHER.

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

BY WAY OF SOLUTION.

The order recently promulgated by the War Department, despatching all the colored troops in the service to the Philippines for duty was a wise and wholesome thing. The sting is thus drawn from the situation growing out of the Brownsville affair and the subsequent discharge of the three battalions of colored infantry on the score of that outrage; the teeth of the Foraker snarl are dulled by the transaction, and the troops themselves are sent where they will do the most good, because they are to take on a wider range of duties than have fallen to their lot in the peaceful confines of Texas; they are better equipped than the whites for the country and its excursions in the way of heat, etc., and they have before them an opportunity to wipe out the onus thrust on them by their fellows at home. It is their turn to do duty abroad, anyway, and the whole thing falls admirably in the re-adjustment of an ugly and discreditable condition. Of course, it will be in order for the snarlers to yap at the heels of the President, for countenancing such an order at such a time, but the Brownsville affair is about wearing out the patience of the people and this solution of the disagreeable incident is gratifying to all concerned, and the public is as much concerned as anyone else. It is on a par with Mr. Roosevelt's ready and sensible disposition of such things, and the yapping of his enemies will have about as much effect as it has ever had on his status, simply to make it the sounder and more stable in every way.

YEAR OF GREAT ISSUES.

From all indications, the year 1907 is to be a period of big and vital issues in the United States. There is enough on foot at present to make it conspicuous in this line, with a promise of infinitely more problems underway. The railway, industrial and commercial questions pending for settlement at the hands of the government and people, are huger than ever in the history of the country, and cover a wider range of interest and of participants, and are grave enough in all conscience, to invite the deepest concern everywhere. The Rate law, the Pure Food law, the application of the Sherman law in its broadest sense, the great strikes, the political departures and frictional results, all over the country, leave no room for quiet prospect whatever. But there never was a time in the course of American history when the adjudication of these close-lying and dubious points were in need of such critical and far-reaching treatment; and the President and the people may be trusted to cover the ground in time and do the fair thing, great as is the task.

PASCO TO NORTH HEAD.

There is not a man in Oregon with a grain of pride in the state who is not honestly and eagerly anxious to see the Columbia river open to traffic from Pasco to North Head, the year round. It is not a railroad proposition, of course, and the railways will see to it, if they can, that no such scheme is ever carried out; but