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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Fair and continued cold.

ASTORIA'S SOLE BENEFIT.

The Chamber of Commerce of a city like Astoria serves the same end as do the lungs of an individual. It supplies the commercial breath upon which the civic body thrives, and according to the regularity and volume of that breath, does the corporation build up, or languish.

Given the resources and the public pride, any community will flourish so long as the means and the popular interest are kept from stagnating. So it is here. Astoria has much to thank her chamber of commerce for in the past, and she has much yet to attain, and unless this active agency is kept in working shape and fed constantly by the fires of local ambition, she must expect to be passed by, as all mute and inert things are.

There is a movement on foot to merge all the active agencies of this municipality into one large, organic, useful and effective Chamber of Commerce, and for the good of Astoria, we hope her citizens will stand by the new departure and make the name of Astoria felt in source of public benefit known. For some time a handful of interested citizens have kept the old chamber from actual dissolution, and it is high time the rest of the citizenry was "sitting up" and taking tangible interest in her immediate future.

DAVEY'S ALL RIGHT.

We are glad, for the sake of Oregon and the Republican party of the state, that the incident so closely touching the character and status of Hon. Frank Davey, arising from his untoward absence from the capital the other day, has straightened itself out, and left no element of trouble for the party. Frank Davey is a man not easily tricked out of anything he is after, and if, as is supposed in many quarters, the hue and cry was started by his rivals for the speakership, then he has beaten them to a lasting finish and will take over the dignity with an aplomb infinitely greater than if he had simply walked into it without the intervention of such an unmanly trick.

THE CONSPIRACY OF BLACKS.

No man in the country with any sort of knowledge of the character-

tics of the negro is at all surprised at the development of a conspiracy among the black soldiers at Fort Reno. And no surprise will be entertained if it comes to pass that they were inspired to the hateful course of murder through the machinations of the anti-Roosevelt forces of the political regime at Washington.

BALD CONTUMACY.

The hold-up of the New York ballot boxes is one of the baldest things of record lately, and is likely to put the national metropolis on the pinnacle of things modestly raw and vicious. The outcome of the affair will be watched with the keenest interest all over the country and the triumph of the law most devoutly looked and longed for.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A hundred years ago too "enterprising" merchants were ducked once for every missing ounce.

Money will buy everything but happiness and furnish transportation to every place but heaven.

The financial column says that "money is easy," but the trouble is the man who has it is not.

A stage luminary urges that rich men support the stags more. That's the charge against a lot of them now.

After all it seems that happiness is but a toss-up between a married man's warning and a bachelor's advice.

Japan might discover by just feeling around the edges of it that the United States is not Russia by a long shot.

Teacher—"What are the holes for in a porous plaster?"

Nicholas Seem—"Why, to let out the pain, of course."

A single mahogany tree in Honduras was recently cut into boards, which, when sold in the European market, realized over \$10,000.

A farmer who has smart girls has no trouble to get hired men, but he may have difficulty in getting much work out of them.

"The safest kind of whiskey," says Dr. Wiley of the department of agriculture, "is that which is put in bottles and left there."

An observing editor says that the manufacturer's brand is always sewed on a coat with a much better grade of thread than the buttons are.

In New York the authorities are insisting that "sacred concerts" be sacred. Next, they will be insisting that church members go to church.

It has been shown that it costs but 15 cents to manufacture a gallon of the finest whiskey. This may explain why whiskey men always wear the biggest diamonds.

Mark Twain declares that the most comfortable garment is the human skin. This is true enough with certain qualifications regarding the temperature and the police regulations.

LOWER RATES ON AN OPEN RIVER

SOME INTERESTING FACTS SHOWING THE EFFECT OF WATER TRANSPORTATION VERSUS RAIL HAULS IN EASTERN OREGON.

Superintendent Frank J. Smith of the Open River Transportation Company, reporting to his officers and directors for 1906, has the following very pertinent facts to show in favor of the water haul and everything that contributes to its expansion and maintenance. It is a revelation, pure and simple, and must have its weight in the minds of all thinking Oregonians with whom such matters are of any moment at all:

"During the present season of the fall of 1906, the Open River Transportation Company handled considerable grain at a rate ranging from thirty to forty cents per ton less than rates in effect on rail line.

Merchandise was transported to river towns and also to interior points that were reached by wagon haul. The consignees at river points received their shipments at a saving of from thirty to fifty per cent below rail rates to the same point. Interior towns have used the water haul for over 250 miles and hauled by team 20 miles inland at a saving over rail rates.

"The farmer and merchant on the banks of the river have received large benefits. It has enabled them to enter market their produce locally, but to procure supplies promptly and at reasonable prices. Unused land that has been in pasture for years is now being farmed since the boats have given the purchaser means of transportation. A number of new towns have been started along the banks of the river at points where wagon roads reach out to the farm lands of the interior. Old towns that have retrograded since the early steamboat days have been inspired with a new lease of life.

"Electric lines from the interior reaching to the Columbia and Snake Rivers have been organized and in many cases much of the right of way has been freely given.

"The open river movement has been directly responsible for these projects, the names and locations of roads are as follows:

"Spokane Inland Railway from Spokane to the Snake River.

"Walla Walla and Columbia Electric Railway, from Dayton, to Wallula, on the Columbia.

"Bickleton and Northern Railway, from a point near Mount Adams to Alderdale on the Columbia.

"The Columbia and Northern Railway has surveyed a line from Hardman through Gilliam and Morrow Counties to Blalock and some right of way secured.

"A line has also been surveyed from Frosser, on the Yakima River, through the noted Horse Haven wheat belt, reaching the Columbia at Pitterson, opposite Irigoin.

"After the Portage Railway was built and just before steamers were placed in operation, a reduction of forty cents per ton was made on wheat from Arlington. Wheat was secured from Washington points by rail line, despite the fact that the river tariff was twenty-five cents per ton less than that published by rail, and a crossing charge of fifty cents per ton. In other words a seventy-five cent per ton differential was met.

"Condon, 45 miles in the interior, on the Arlington-Condon branch, took up the matter of shipping by river to Arlington and by the use of teams secure their shipments at a lesser rate. Following a visit of a representative of the river line to that city in April of this year, a reduction was made by the rail line of from one to three dollars per ton.

During the present year grain that

was promised from some sections failed to appear on the river bank and after a careful investigation of the cause it was found that the farmer received benefits from the opening of the river in the way of price from buyers and accommodations from competing lines, that prior to the operation of the river boats he was unable to secure.

"At all landings wheat has brought a higher price per bushel than at points the same distance from market that had no river competition.

"That the river line has proven a factor which cannot be overlooked by the rail lines in making rates is indisputably shown by the new tariff issued by the O. R. & N. Co., effective Jan. 1, 1907, in which sweeping reductions have been made."

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 Dumgardner, 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.

Ever notice how many business men advertise in programs and keep out of newspapers—and they say advertising don't pay? Of course it doesn't pay that way.

HOW TO CURE CHILBLAINS.

"To enjoy freedom from chilblains," writes John Kemp, East Otsego, Mo., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sores, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases. 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

That's the house the doctor built— The biggest house you see; Thank goodness he don't get our money. For we all drink Rocky Mountain Tea. For sale by Frank Hart.

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BY SONS of HERMANN

SATURDAY, FEB. 2 1907

FOARD & STOKES HALL GRAND PRIZES

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

Advertisement for 'PERFECTION Oil Heater' and 'The Rayo Lamp'. Includes an illustration of the heater and lamp, and text describing their benefits and availability from the Standard Oil Company.

Advertisement for 'FISHERMEN, ATTENTION!' featuring 'PAINT, COTTON ROPE, SAIL-CLOTH, NETTING TWINE, NETTING NEEDLES, OARS & FLOATS' from The Foard & Stokes Hardware Co., Inc.

Advertisement for 'To Be Happy and Gay' featuring 'Rye and Bourbon Whiskies, Choice Wines and Champagnes' from THE COMMERCIAL, 509 Commercial St.

Large advertisement for 'APPEARANCES' by The J. S. Dellinger Co., Astoria, Oregon. Text discusses the importance of appearance in business and offers printing services.