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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Fair and continued cold.

"A. & C." SOLD, OR UNSOLD.

Whatever basis of truth that inspires the report that the "A. & C." has been sold (this time to E. H. Harriman), it has inspired no small activity in the local real estate field, and values are moving steadily upward on all property contiguous to the line, and some of the shrewdest dealers in land hereabout, are busy with lots and acreage the whole length of the road. It has been said, quietly, that the culmination of the present negotiations will be reached on the 15th of the present month, but the authority for this is just as vague that for the original rumor of the sale. There are those who are, supposedly, close to headquarters and the real purposes of the present owners, quite ready to deny that the road is going to Mr. Harriman, or will ever go to him, from the hands of Mr. Hammond, who is a member of the group of people once powerful in Southern Pacific counsels, and now withdrawn and inimical to that huge concern. There is no secret about this phase of the situation, and it were well for Astoria if Hill or Gould, or anyone, other than Harriman, should get the road. Mr. Harriman, it is thought, will hardly carry out the pending improvements of the road, but rather let it lie dormant, a mere feeder, and hold it for years against the terminal idea which is the paramount hope of Astoria: a fateful contingency that might be obviated if the purchaser were other than he, with the imperative necessity for establishing terminal facilities here, and granting to this city all that means for the future. Unsold, the road is still the property of a man we all know, and in whose idea of its practical development to the very end, we have abundant faith. It is therefore the better hope of all, that Mr. Hammond will retain the system, rather than pass it to hands that will make it a "stop-gap." The day cannot be far distant, however, when the real essence of the pending stories will be manifest, and the new destiny of the fine property be known to us all, and it is barely possible the 19th may yield the confirmation, denial, or disappointment involved in the existing conditions.

THE FORTY TOMORROWS.

For the next forty days the general interest of the whole state will be centered directly upon the capital and the 90 men who shall gather for the purpose of making new laws, amending old ones, and wiping out others, and so revamping the code of the state as to make it more amenable to the real wants of the people and necessities of the newer years. Primarily, the legislature has the confidence of the people it represents, and it is to be hoped the history of this session will be conspicuous for some actual, large and appreciative benefits. There will be the customary gift of grafts ready for the unwary to snatch at, and the way to set down on with weight and promptitude, and all Oregon is on the qui vive for something tangible to cheer for and be contented with. Railroad legislation of a sort conferring certain and specific advantages upon the people, rather than upon the transportation companies, is

among the things that have got to come this year, and if this legislature does nothing else than so amend these laws as to award some plain rights to the public, long denied, it will not have met in vain. There are several hundred thousand critics ready to fall upon the man who fails to do his whole duty in this legislature. The people are weary of contributing everything to the railroads and getting nothing in return.

ASTORIA'S GRADES.

There is an able and timely hint from Judge Bowly, elsewhere in these columns, anent the raising of the street grades in this city to a point of utility and safety, that deserves the best thought of every property-holding citizen in Astoria. He is not alone in his deductions; there are many men here, and several engineers among them, who are just as plainly spoken in this behalf as is this respected citizen. It is time to take this matter up in real earnest and lay the predicate for the changes in Astoria's levels that shall mean something in the future. It will inevitably have to be done and the wisdom of doing it at all is in doing it now, when there is less to be torn out and down in the reformatory processes that cannot be escaped. It will save good money in days to come if this grave matter is properly and promptly handled. The Astoria of the future cannot exist upon the levels now established and attain to the beauty, utility and comfort inseparable from her most essential improvement. Take a hand in this, everybody!

A dispatch from London says Mr. Bryce, the coming British ambassador, "made the first ascent of Mount Ararat," and therefore should be persona grata to our mountain-climbing President. But it has always been understood Noah was the first to surmount those heights, not by climbing up, but by settling down with the tide when the Deluge subsided. However, Mr. Bryce can probably show the records, while Noah's claim rests on tradition only.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Perhaps the matter could be compromised by reinstating all the discharged colored troops and stationing them at Senator Foraker's home town of Cincinnati.

Persia has a constitution, and, of course, will now discover that a whole lot of things that must be done must not be done under the Constitution.

A difference of opinion exists between Governor Folk and Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi. Governor Folk says: "Statistics show that crime is reduced as education increases."

Governor Folk's message contains the following: "I recommend the enactment of a law making it a crime for any one for compensation to lobby with members of the legislature." The old guard of Missouri will rub its eyes over this passage.

The rage of Texas at the discovery that Senator Bailey borrowed a lot of money from an oil company president may be due to mortification at never suspecting an oil company president would be easy.

A Cuban football eleven has been formed and those who have had weekly light practice in revolutions ought to round into condition rapidly for the more strenuous sport.

It is really time for His Excellency, James Bryce, to step on the platform, as the band must be dired playing for his grand entrance.

Croker has an entry for the New York Suburban, but McClellan's fertility still looks doubtful.

In addition to his modern message, President Roosevelt is writing an essay on "The Ancient Irish Sagas."

January has started out to be a month of disasters. Most of the New Year's resolutions are already wrecked.

All that Governor Folk says in favor of honest elections is heartily seconded by one party in Missouri, but it is not the governor's party.

It will be no easy job for the state legislature to live up to the work incidentally cut out for them by the present congress at its first session.

The Pennsylvania prophet who predicts the end of the world in two years is taking the wrong way to hurry up the Carnegie gifts. Reflection will tell him why.

GOLD OF THE WORLD

Is Steadily and Surely Draining Into Uncle Sam's Coffers.

YET BILLIONS ARE SENT AWAY

Other Washington Items—How Congress Could Save Half the Proposed Congressional Salary Raise.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—The United States is fast absorbing the gold of the world. Our stock of gold has increased \$876,000,000 in the last ten years. Of this amount, \$724,990,000 came from our mines, but we drew from the rest of the world \$142,000,000 of its gold. In the same ten years our excess of exports over our imports amounted to \$5,148,245,690. Had the world paid for all this excess of exports without any return, the world, outside of the United States, would have been made bankrupt and all its markets paralyzed. But we sent to England and Europe great sums of gold, of which no account is made, or can be made accurately in the way of what American tourists, Indians, or American securities, held abroad, and freighted to foreign ships for carriage of foreign products. All these sums go to offset, in part, the enormous drain we would otherwise make on the gold reserve of other countries. It is estimated that American tourists, Indians, or American securities, and freightage to foreign countries the enormous sum of \$4,900,000,000 in ten years.

It looks as if in Congress on the proposed increase of Congressional salaries it is a case of "one's afraid, and 't'other darsent." The House passed out when it came to going on record, and it was with the hope that the Senate would put the increase in the bill, and it would then be left there by conference. The Senate referred it to the Committee, and the Committee, without recommendation, the House was afraid, and yesterday the Senate "dassent," yet it is a power measure in every respect. The increased proposed was \$2,500 for each Senator and Representative, a total of \$29,450 in round numbers. It can be easily pointed out how Congress can save about one half of that sum, that is now wasted. Cut off the \$12,000 appropriated for free seeds, and by doing so also save the \$250,000 it costs the Post Office Department to carry and distribute the seeds. Thus, practically one half the proposed increase can be saved.

Delegate Smith of Arizona believes that separate states will be given to Arizona and New Mexico within the next five years, for the reason that the developed resources and increased population will demand it. He predicts that five years from now the population of Arizona would be doubled, and that there will be four hundred thousand people there instead of the two hundred thousand at present. Mr. Smith says that Arizona has a greater wealth and

produces more per capita than any State or Territory in the Union. It offers splendid opportunities for young men of integrity and ability, and is a growing country, according to Mr. Smith. He says it furnishes a climate "that stimulates men to things," and has a sphere where a man is honored for his "one worth alone, and everybody gets a square deal."

Representative Burton, of Ohio, has written a biography of John Sherman, the veteran Buckeye statesman. In it Mr. Burton refutes the accusation that Sherman was a cold man. "Sherman did not like greetings in the market place and was intensely devoted to his work and it was not his nature to be very hearty in his greeting. He was a model man in his family, an affectionate husband, and kind and forbearing in all the relations of life. He was also jovial when it was time to be jovial, but when he went outside the circle of his immediate friends he was in a degree reserved. He was not given to enthusiastic praise or gush and was always dignified. He was one of the really great men of his time."

CARRIE NATION

certainly smashed a hole in the bar-rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years." Hart's drug store.

The question rises whether the new governor of New York isn't usurping the powers of the coroners in recommending a re-opening of the mayoralty-recount controversy.

ALL THE WORLD

is a stage and Ballard's Snow Liniment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it, and you will always use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Liniment is a living proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Hart's drug store.

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For Kidney Complaints of either sex Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a most excellent remedy.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation to Women

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice. She is the Mrs. Pinkham who has been advising sick women free of charge for more than twenty years, and before that she assisted her mother-in-law Lydia E. Pinkham in advising. Thus she is well qualified to guide sick women back to health. Her advice is free and always helpful.



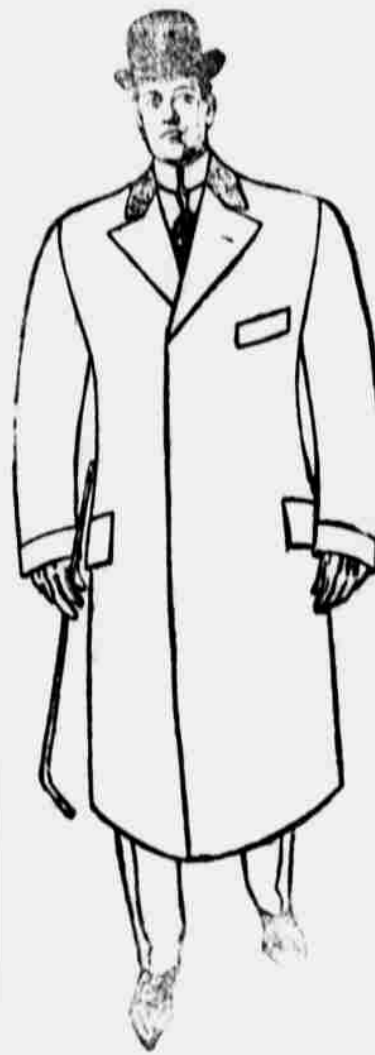
LYDIA E. PINKHAM

THE CORRECT CLOTHES SHOP

A TALE OF A COAT

By a Bank Cashier.

The other morning a friend dropped in on me at the bank on a business errand. I could not help but note his smartly groomed appearance and generally genteel get-up. Particularly noticeable was the elegant overcoat he wore. It was one of those conservative models that might pass unnoticed in a crowd, yet when examined at close range was bound to excite admiration. A coat that had all the earmarks of the highest standard of tailoring, richness of fabric, perfect fit and finish—every way. It might not have been quite en regle, according to polite society, but I couldn't resist asking him the name of his tailor. His reply amazed me. Said he: "I just purchased this coat from Danziger & Co., the clothiers, all ready-to-wear, and he continued, 'what's more, got it at a saving of just \$5.05—to be exact, in their 'House-Clearing' Sale, a saving of almost 30 per cent. I'll wear the coat this season—and it's good for several years to come; so, at the rising prices of clothing, I figure I made a good 40 per cent investment; can you beat it at your bank?' Well, I had to acknowledge I couldn't—and have since bought one for myself; and selected a splendid \$10 overcoat for my son, who wear nearly as large a size as myself. His cost me \$7.20. That's why I'm advising my friends to step in at the Danziger store and get a coat or suit while their annual House-Cleaning Sale is on. EVERY ARTICLE IN THE HOUSE IS REDUCED, except contract goods and odds and ends in Suits and Overcoats for men and boys are being drastically slaughtered. Other special reductions are on—many of them that go unmentioned—beside these:



Men's Blue Kersey Overcoats, in broken lines, \$8.50 and \$10 values; special at \$7.20. Men's 46-inch Heavy Cheviot Overcoats, \$13.50 to \$16.50 values; special at \$11.45. Men's Rain Coats, Mackintoshes, Cravenettes, etc., odd lots, one and two of a size, \$10 to \$15 values; special at \$8.35. Golf Shirts, sizes 14 1/2, 16, 16 1/2 and 17, 75c and \$1.00 values... 60c. Men's Suits in broken lines, 1, 2 and 3 suits of a kind; Cheviots and Worsteds, \$9.50 to \$11 values at \$6.45. Men's Fancy Worsteds Suits, good values, late models, \$15 to \$16.50 values, special at \$10.85.

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APPEARANCES

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