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WEATHER.

Western Washington, Western Oregon—Rain or snow, and slightly warmer.
Eastern Oregon—Rain or snow.
Eastern Washington, Idaho—Snow; slightly warmer.

THE ADROIT ENEMY.

Experience has proven the almost insuperable tasks of successfully regulating railroads. The very government of the country is not more nicely poised in the law, nor better founded in the art of preparedness, than these colossal combines.

Never in all our history was the truth of David Dudley Field's aphorism, "We have too much law," more keenly patent than at this hour.

The only refuge the Oregon legislature has, is in the framing of a statute at once constitutional and so mosaically simple in its text, as to be beyond the reach of false interpretation; turn it loose and await the inevitable defeat.

The people have been far too generous with the railroads. They have given over the forces of commercial law to them utterly, and they are beginning to realize and recognize, the enemy they have deliberately equipped to undo them.

"DEAD HORSE" SALES.

The decision handed down by Judge Gatenben, of the Multnomah circuit court, declaring the sales of land for delinquent taxes, in cases where the county has appeared, and operated, as the "highest bidder," in their acquisition, to be utterly void and value-

less, will have sharp bearing upon a certain number of transactions of this sort in this county, since the forms and processes employed in all the counties of the state, in this behalf, are practically identical; and it will be up to Clatsop to refund, on the spot, such sums of money as she may have received for the final sale of any such properties as she may have acquired at previous tax-sales, by "out-bidding" someone else.

THE ASTORIA MERGER.

There is hope abroad here that the merger of all the civic bodies and influences of the city in one organic, active, new-blooded chamber of commerce, will redound to the good of the whole community.

COURT HOUSE NEXT.

Before the coming week shall wind out its final hour, the new court house for Clatsop county will, in all probability, be fully and finally contracted for and the initial day's work done in the big premise.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

While Senator Tillman is willing to apologize for his own follies, he reserves the right to withhold his endorsement from any legislative proposition to gild refined gold or whiten the negro.

Re-elected by a vote of more than two to one against him, Senator Bailey of Texas appears to vindicate his conduct and to justify all the confidence which even his creditors repose in him.

At the same time it must be admitted that Governor Swettenham was rational in his reasoning that the firing of a salute from relief ships is not the first need of a community buried by an earthquake.

If the correct statistics could be obtained, it would doubtless be learned that Alton B. Parker makes less money advising corporations than W. J. Bryan does by advising private citizens.

The next shock in Jamaica will be central in London with severity enough to shake Governor Swettenham loose from his job.

The shrewd railroad operators probably calculate that by cutting off their newspaper advertising for a time they will be able to handle their business without so much embarrassment.

BE HOME TOMORROW.

Word Received from Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy Yesterday.

Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy, who left this city on Thursday night last for Salem and Seattle in the matter of the arrest of C. Roy Fox, on a charge of murder in the Blanche Day case, and who is now in Seattle, wired his office yesterday at noon to the following effect: "Held up on account of papers; not back before Wednesday."

It seems that when Sheriff Smith placed Roy Fox in the Seattle jail the first of last week, the prisoner indicated his perfect willingness to return to Astoria and a telegram was sent to Sheriff Pomeroy on Wednesday to that effect; but since then, Fox, at someone's suggestion, has changed his mind and demanded a formal hearing before Governor Meade.

There is some "hocus-pocus" afoot in this matter; everybody here is convinced of it. It is said that sometime ago Governor Meade requisitioned a party in Oregon for some minor offense and that Governor Chamberlain, on account of the alleged paucity of evidence in the case, declined to extradite the party.

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.

ROUND DANCE FRAUD.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—Jockey Kent and Trainer Morton, connected with the stable of Joe Cooper at Ascot Park, have been ruled off the turf for fraud in connection with the running of the horse Round Dance in a race on January 8.

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.

There is no excuse for doubt that Senator Guggenheim can afford to serve the public interests in the United States senate, regardless of cost.

Purity is our watchword. Selecting only the choicest herbs and roots known to pharmacists. No spirits or harmful drugs. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is purity itself.

GRAND MASK BALL BY SONS of HERMANN SATURDAY, FEB. 2 1907 FOARD & STOKES HALL GRAND PRIZES

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Alice J. Radcliff et us to Dan J. McInnis, T. B. Morrison and wife to J. P. Bird, etc.

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.

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