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WEATHER.

- ◆ Western Oregon—Occasional rain, cooler south portion.
- ◆ Western Washington—Occasional rain.
- ◆ Eastern Oregon—Occasional rain, possibly part snow.
- ◆ Eastern Washington and Idaho—Snow and slightly warmer.

GET DOWN TO COMMON SENSE.

The postal department of the United States government will be in far better business, if in its desire to curtail the cost of maintenance of its establishment, it shall strike out, forever, the needless, costly and assinine system of red-tape now congesting, delaying, burdening and impoverishing it, rather than making a fool attempt to censor, reduce and prescribe the limits and qualities of the great American Sunday daily. If only some keen, level-headed man could be put in charge of the department, who would shave and cut and trim the business down to an every-day, commercial basis, and eliminate the dragging, time-eating processes that hamper it and inordinately increase the cost of its administration, it would be a blessing to government and people alike. The report of the joint-commission at Washington is a piece of kid-glove, amateur work, far-fetched, inoperative and useless. If the rate on second class matter is really too low, raise it; the fixing of rates is a prerogative of the department; it set the rate complained of, and it may, as easily, fix a newer and more compensating one. But it were better for all concerned, that it look inward for means of balancing its annual estimates and annual cost, rather than outward. Wipe out the dollar-consuming jugglery of its own system and put it on a square, quick, feasible level with other businesses of the country, and, having thrown tradition, precedent and red-tape to the winds, talk business to the people, instead of such rot as was framed up in the recent joint-report.

LANE'S LONG LANE.

Franklin K. Lane, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will know a whole lot of valuable things about railway manipulation in the Pacific west by the time he closes his inquiry into the Harriman merger at Los Angeles, and his illimitable acquisition of fact will not be confined to the merger alone. There are vast elements of information at his very hand, every day, voluntarily and honestly offered, of which he cannot even take cognizance, further than to make passing mental record, perhaps, of the tremendous volume of abuses attributable to unfettered railway domination out here. But it is good to have these things known by the commission; it will at least give it to know why it was created, and spur it on to the exercise of its last and best function of correction. From the wide-spread, authoritative scrutiny now being imposed by the Commission, there should come some degree of relief for the people.

RESPECTFULLY SUGGESTED.

In the course of the next month Astoria is to have a large Chamber of Commerce with a real membership, some ready means at its command, and

and an active agent in the commercial field representing the city and its people. There are many things to be done, and among the first, we respectfully suggest that the Chamber shall pass, and sign up, a strenuous resolution directed to the United States Interstate Commerce Commission, demanding the extension of the common-point rate on grain to this port. Let this resolution show, in straightforward terms, the deliberate denial perpetrated by the railways of the northwest as against Astoria, and also, the unqualified claim and right of this port to the common advantage; have the resolution endorsed by every man, firm, company, and corporation in the county, and send it, in capable hands, to the fountain head of authority, and then make a stand for it that shall be understood; such a movement will put us on a commercial level with the whole coast, and make it easier for us to affect subsequent commercial deals. Without it, we are handicapped, and since the law has blazed out the way for our getting it, we are senseless if we remain longer without it. We could have it at once if we but indicate our title to it, and we have temporized quite long enough.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The Senate can not limit debate, but it can slam the door.

Political pickings eventually will open the Rhode Island deadlock.

If there is no way to run trains safely in foggy weather, they should be sidetracked for sunshine.

Mr. Bull may rest assured that Uncle Sam is not taking that unique Jamaica functionary seriously.

Freight congestion is another name for business delay and financial loss. An improved Columbia river will pay its way.

What a fine privilege the Senate enjoys. It orders the doors closed when it feels that its anger has reached the explosive point.

Senator Tillman in his minstrel olio referred to "a dying swan's dirge." It seems to be identified with South Carolina rather than Colorado.

With two hundred reporters provided for it is believed that everything is ready for the Thaw trial now with the possible exception of justice.

"We shall not leave the civilized parts of the states," says Ellen Terry on her coming America tour. The geography of this proposition is awaited with interest.

In some of the big minstrel shows dummies are introduced to increase the numerical size of the company. There is still a chance for Senator Tillman.

A service pension bill, talked of for so many years, is materializing at last. A veteran over 62 is to have a pension on age alone, without complicated red tape or payment to pension agents.

Newspapers in the northwest are talking about the "fight for fuel." Freight congestion in this form, as congress should notice, calls for a prompt remedy of transportation troubles.

The entombed miner lost but half a pound in weight during his fifteen days' imprisonment, and came out of it famous. It is a rare instance of the rest cure, though the method is not likely to be popular.

An English paper refers to the fact that the wealth of the United States is increasing ten times as fast as that of Great Britain, and the editor then takes a crack at free trade. That may be called close shooting.

By cutting out passes the railroads can do more in the way of diminishing the lobby than all the governors and legislatures in the country. As a matter of fact the lobbyist rarely gets anything but a pass and a meal ticket.

In a speech in the Senate Saturday Tillman of South Carolina referred to the Democratic party in the northern states as a "shining example of ward politicians—dirty, low creatures." The Democrats of the north will consider the source.

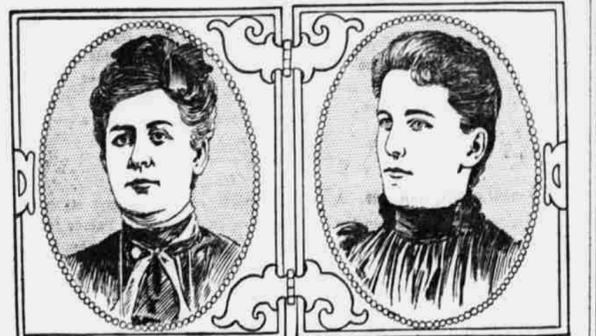
EVEN FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

Ballard's Snow Lintment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for Rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Loving, Grand Junction, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Lintment last winter for Rheumatism and can recommend it as the best liniment on the market. I thought, at the time I was taken down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours, and well in three days." Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

ANOTHER MACKAY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A son was born last evening to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mackay at their home, 244 Madison Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay have two other children, Katherine, six years old and Blanc three years old.

THREE EPOCHS IN A WOMAN'S LIFE



MRS. ELVA BARBER EDWARDS

There are three critical stages in a woman's life which leave their mark in her career. The first of these stages is womanhood, or the change from a care free girl to budding womanhood. The second is motherhood, and the third is Change of Life.

Perils surround each of these stages, and most of the misery that comes to women through ill health dates from one or another of these important crises. Women should remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made from native roots and herbs has carried thousands of young girls over the critical period of puberty, and in later years carried them safely through the change of life more successfully than any other remedy in the world. Thousands of testimonials from grateful persons, two of which are here published, substantiate this fact beyond contradiction.

Mrs. George Walters of Woodlawn, Ill., writes: "Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I feel it my duty to tell you of the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me in preparing for childbirth. After suffering and losing my children a friend advised me to try your valuable medicine, and the result was that I had very little inconvenience, a quick recovery and

MRS. GEORGE WALTERS

as healthy a child as can be found anywhere. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a blessing to all expectant mothers." Mrs. Elva Barber Edwards of Cathlamet, Wash., writes: "Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I want to tell you how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound carried me through the critical period of the Change of Life without any trouble whatever, also cured me of a very severe female weakness. I cannot say enough in praise of what your medicine has done for me."

What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Edwards it will do for other women in their condition. Every suffering woman in the United States is asked to accept the following invitation. It is free, will bring you health and may save your life. Mrs. Pinkham's Invitation to Women.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. From the symptoms given, the trouble may be located and the quickest and surest way of recovery advised. Out of her vast volume of experience in treating female ills Mrs. Pinkham probably has the very knowledge that will help your case. Her advice is free and helpful.

During its long record of more than thirty years its long list of actual cures, entitles Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to the respect and confidence of every fair minded person. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Makes Sick Women Well.

AUTHOR'S CHILD POOR.

Daughter of Bret Harte III in Maine Poor House.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A Portland, Maine, dispatch to the Times, states that the Portland Poor House, is caring for Mrs. Steele, formerly Miss Jessamy Bret Harte, daughter of the author Bret Harte. Mrs. Steele is said to be without means and is ill. Mrs. Steele, the dispatch continues, reached Portland a year ago at the invitation of society women and gave an evening of character reading her father's works. Since then she has lived at hotels here and for a time with friends. It is understood that her husband is somewhere in the West. She has repeatedly stated that she has plenty of money due her, but that lawyers are keeping it from her.

A STITCH IN TIME

will save nine. So will a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup always kept on hand save many a spell of sickness. A sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, and Whooping Cough. Mrs. S., Hot Springs, Ark., writes: "I keep a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my medicine chest and thank my forethought many times. It has prevented many severe spells of sickness." Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

STANDARD OIL SILENT.

Officials Refuse to Discuss Criticism by Commerce Commission.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—H. H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, when seen by a reporter at his home in this city last night, refused to discuss in any way the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission which was sent to Congress yesterday. "All these matters are in litigation," said Mr. Rogers, referring to the several specific allegations contained in the report. He declined to say anything further.

RISING FROM THE GRAVE.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Feltwell, of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drugist. Price only 50c.

THE CORRECT CLOTHES SHOP

We're bound to reduce our stocks of Men's and Boy's wear to the lowest mark possible ere the end of the "HOUSE-CLEANING SEASON" which ends with the month, fast passing. THERE'S ONE DECISIVE WAY OF DOING THIS THAT IS TO CUT DEEPLY INTO OUR STANDARD LOW PRICES! Here goes—The saving you make is your reward for helping to reduce our stocks. A very unusual opportunity—anticipating your wants of another winter as well as providing for the weeks yet ahead of this season's rigorous weather. Today's prices mean a mighty saving to you.

The DANZIGER & CO. Store's reputation is of such a character, and so firmly established and long standing, that when it advertises reductions, Astoria folk know they may come here and find fulfillment of every statement; that no exaggeration or inflation of values is practised; that every reduction is real, and that every garment measures up to our critically high standard.

Mind—we do not say EVERY suit and overcoat in this lot is a \$16.50 value, this store is jealous of the truth. We do say a plenty of garments of this value are included—values up to this mark.

See Examples in a Corner Window

Some lines have a complete run of sizes, others contain one, two, and three of a lot—but ALL SIZES are embraced in the sale, and up to and including \$16.50 values, for

\$10.00

Men's fashionable hats, in newest styles, very special at \$2.15

A Lot of Extra Special Values in Suit Cases at \$3.95 \$4.15 and \$4.85

Why pay others more? These specials are for this week—we cannot guarantee them to last longer.

S. DANZIGER & CO.
The Store That Never Dissappoints;
Astoria's Foremost Clothing House

READ THIS NEWS!

No other Portion of this Newspaper is of More Vital Interest to Astoria Men—Than This Advertisement which tells of the unparalleled reductions all thru the DANZIGER & CO. Store's vast stocks of Men's Winter Overcoats and Suits.

THINK OF IT!

Choose from values up to \$16.50 for **\$10.00**

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By W. A. Milne, author of "Aladdin" etc. Given by home talent. Rehearsed by the author

250-Young Ladies and Children in the Cast-250

All in grotesque and beautiful costumes, representing Pixles, Brownies, Goblins, Insects, Pickaninnies, Monkeys, Fairies, Butterflies, Flower Girls, Pages, Amazon Guards, Japanese Maidens, Yankee Doodle Girls, Etc.

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Two hours of Fun and Frolic in Fairyland, where all is Gauze and Glitter, Music, Love and Flowers.
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