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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon, Western Washington—Rain or snow; easterly winds.
Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Snow.

GET READY, EVERYBODY.

"It is a long lane that hath no turning." Astoria is just now in possession of conclusive proof that she is to be an outer-port no longer; that she is to figure squarely on the map of Oregon, as an entrepot, a depot, a real commercial center, a stopping place for terminal traffic, by land and sea, something more than a mere accessory to neighboring, inland cities, a paltry station on the highway of commerce. It is up to her own people to take instant and thorough advantage of the changing conditions and bend them to her perpetual service; to give personal care and ready money to the conserving of every agency that holds the shadow of a promise in her favor; to loosen her grasp on the money and property that is needed on the market and in the strife, and to give proof of her worthiness of such an uplift as is imminent. To do less than this is to declare her unfitness for the promised progress; and those to whom such rank demonstrations of indifference are made, will follow the inevitable rule in such cases and pass on to some more active and appreciative center. Get ready, everybody! And take a hand (with a few dollars in it to cinch the grip) on the live issues soon to be raised here! It is strictly up to the people of Astoria!

A. & C. BELT LINE.

There is general good feeling throughout the city and the suburban towns affected over the plans of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad people for a belt line touching all the seaside resorts between the Columbia bar and Tillamook Head; not only because it gives quicker, more direct and pleasurable service by increasing the popularity of the south coast territory, but, mainly, because it is significant of an awakening in all business lines hereabout, headed by the chief concern engaged. Of course, it is largely a counter-action to the steps being actively taken by the I. R. & N. on the Washington bank of the river and to enhance the Washington beach resorts and expedite transportation there from up-country cities and towns; and that the A. & C. is ready to meet all such expedients and set up a gauge of its own to restore and maintain the credit and prestige of the Clatsop resorts, is a matter of sincere gratification here and is thoroughly appreciated. Astoria, and the proprietary interests involved along the coast, should strain every nerve to build up and perpetuate the patronage thus openly and strongly centered by the A. & C. Company.

THE FLOOD PROSPECT.

Word from the upper Columbia and Willamette valleys is not the heartiest just now; both great districts are threatened with serious floods, equaling, if not surpassing the highwater of 1890. Portland, unhappily, catches the immense reaction from both, and suffers immensely along her waterfront; but it is likely the warning given 17 years ago may be heeded, and,

except for the inconvenience incident to the removal of great stocks of bulk merchandise from her lower levels to the upper floors of the stores and warehouses involved, she may escape the grave money loss perpetrated then. We hope the weather conditions may change to check the inundation and will be as glad as anyone else, to see the situation saved to the metropolis and to all flood-way towns in line of the disaster.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Which shall it be next, Anthony: Salome, or the Thaw trial?

It's a cold day when it doesn't rain in this city and not any too warm a day, when it does!

All aboard the Belt-line special, for an Ocean run to every resort between Astoria and the rocks of Tillamook Head!

The fellow who turned over a new leaf on New Year's Day is in danger of turning down a wrong corner about now.

A. W. Pinero says that all modern plays are "overdressed." Well, yes, perhaps—from the Garden of Eden standpoint.

There are said to be 6,100 stars visible to the naked eye. The announcement is made by astronomers, not by theatre managers.

Hunting Beach in California has 300 acres of cabbages; but our smokers may rest easy, for they are all to be converted into sauerkraut.

Mr. Carnegie thinks he would gladly give \$200,000,000 for ten years more of life. Yet many a fellow has gotten ten years and taken less money.

Is it not about time the Astoria Common Council and the Astoria Police Commission were uniting and getting down to business?

It is suggested that for the enforcement of the law against aeronauts passing over Dutch territory in balloons some fly cops will be required.

The Astoria clergy have boldly entered a field of municipal reform from which the Morning Astorian retired without honor or success fifteen months ago.

The Baltimore American has labored and brought forth: "Destiny is the ir-repressible fate of mankind." Truly, we live in life and almost think thoughts!

What is worth doing at all is worth doing artistically. Let the utter failure of the ice-crop, and the irreparable destruction of the strawberry crop, always precede the annual ruin of the peach crop.

Fifty days a United States senator, and fifteen minutes chairman of a Senate committee. The Hon. Fred W. Mulkey, United States Senator from Oregon, is entitled, and welcome, to the splendid prestige. He's a good fellow, anyway!

If anybody thinks that A. B. Hammond is a "sick man," let them try to get "forensint" him in a big business deal, and it will be found he has the healthiest, heartiest, hard-wringing grip on current affairs, values, and advantages any invalid ever possessed.

We have been taken to task for endorsing Martin Foard with the alleged undeserved title of "Hon." on the ground that he never held an office in his life to which the appellation belonged. Well, that may be, too! Yet such a blunder is not illy made, when bestowed upon a man who is admitted on all sides to be impeccably honorable!

Skin Disease of Twenty Years' Standing Cured.

I want you to know how much Chamberlain's Salve has done for me. It has cured my face of a skin disease of almost twenty years' standing. I have been treated by several as smart physicians as we have in this country and they did me no good, but two boxes of this salve has cured me.—Mrs. Fannie Griffen, Troy, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Builds up waste tissues, promotes appetite, improves digestion, induces refreshing sleep, giving renewed strength and health. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. For sale by Frank Hart.

MISINTERPRET BILL

Postal Regulations Would Not Affect Average Newspaper.

HIT METROPOLITAN DAILIES

Will Check Magazine Sections and Comic Supplements of Large Papers—Peculiar Case of Foreign Born Resident.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—After laboring over the subject of postal reforms, the Commission, appointed by Congress, consisting of members of the Senate, and House committees, finally has made its report and suggested legislation which it is hoped may be put through before this session adjourns.

Probably all sorts of interpretations will be put upon the report of this Commission and the very comprehensive bill it has submitted. Divested of all the legal verbiage with which it is surrounded, it may be well to calm any alarm that may be caused among the publishers of newspapers in average small towns or cities by saying that in no measure will publications of that sort be in any way affected. That the rats have been loaded with extraneous matter under the guise of newspaper supplements is known to all who have studied the question and the low cost at which transportation has been furnished has resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The object of the proposed measure is to prohibit the circulation as parts of newspapers, such things as sheet music, postal cards, pictures etc., and will put a stop to all comic sections or will compel those sections to appear with the name of the paper, date line, etc., over such page. Advertising is limited to fifty per cent of the space of any one section. All this strikes at the big metropolitan dailies and those publications issued notoriously for advertising and circulated at a nominal subscription price. There will be no interference with legitimate country circulation and the claim is made for the proposed law that will be of benefit to the publishers of the country generally confine their efforts to what might be termed the legitimate newspaper work.

One of the oddities of law was presented to President Roosevelt the other day by Senator Warren, of Wyoming, it is a case that has appealed to the President. Out in Wyoming there is a wealthy ranchman 71 years old who came to this country as a boy 11 years of age with his father. This man is known to every soul in his community, has held all sorts of honorable elective and appointive offices, has grown up with the great west, become wealthy and through his wealth has assisted many persons to get their start in life. He is loved and honored by everybody in the state, and yet, notwithstanding his life, the offices to which he has been elected and his high standing in the community a level-headed, and presumably just judge has recently declared him an alien and not entitled to protection under the law.

Senator Warren holds that the man is as much a citizen as he is, but unfortunately this law says otherwise. Sometime ago this old man, whose name Senator Warren does not now care to disclose, filed a claim against the government and in the course of the investigation it was discovered that the father of the man did not take out his papers upon his arrival in this country. As he was the child of an alien the ranchman also was an alien. The courts hold that before he can have anything in court in this particular case he must first take out his first and second papers and declare his intentions of being a citizen and go through the procedure prescribed for a newly arrived immigrant, or he will not be allowed to prosecute the claim against the government.

"Of course," said Senator Warren, "the matter can be fixed in some way and will be, without delay, but this case nicely illustrates one of the oddities of the law. I laid the matter before the President and he believes as I do that it is a very odd situation."

The assertion has been made for many years that there is nothing paternal about the American government and yet Congress, year after year, has gone on appropriating money for objects that many persons might not hold to be the proper functions of government. This is done, however, on the theory that that which benefits a portion of the country works to the general good of all. Illustrations of this may be found in the appropriation for the suppression of the gypsy moth, the booby weevil and other pests that have done untold damage to American crops. These pests that have cost both the government and private persons

such enormous sums of money are the outgrowth in many cases of casual and most accidental introduction.

In addition to the gypsy moth, the English sparrow, the starling, the German carp, and the Norway rat have added to the ravages upon the beneficial products of the country. The gypsy moth has all but ruined the shrubbery and fruit orchards of New England. It can be traced back to 1869 when Professor Torubelot of Harvard University brought a few to this country to help him in his study of wild silk worms. He lived at Medford, Mass., and raised these caterpillars on a shrub in his dooryard enclosing the shrub with a net. During a storm the net was torn and the worms were scattered. Many were captured and destroyed and notice was given of those that escaped, but no notice was taken of the warning. Nothing was thought of them as they did not appear for some years, but gradually the gypsy moth began to show up in steadily increasing numbers until in 1889 they became a notorious pest. First the town and then the state legislature took up the work of extermination, appropriating money for that purpose. The Federal government was finally appealed to and the fight is still going on.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

(From the Chicago Tribune.) "Don't trifle with a cold" is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established rule is to the germs of diphtheria what money is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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Travel from this city to Portland on Sunday at the low round trip rate of \$2.50 is on the increase and many enjoy that day in the metropolis each week. This rate will be continued throughout the winter and the volume of travel toward Portland every Sunday would indicate that the public appreciates it. 11-8-17

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 forehead many times. It has prevented many severe spells of sickness." Sold by Hart's drug store.

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