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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Light showers and cooler north, fair south.

SAME OLD FRIGHT.

Year by year, with added and proven degrees of conviction, the same conclusion that the exports from the Columbia valley must find tide-water delivery, is fastening itself upon the business mind of the maritime world.

Columns and pages of sophistical and far-fetched reasoning have been written and sent broad-cast to justify and maintain her, always, untenable contention for consideration as a seaport; parallel after parallel has been employed and cherished and fought for; every inland port in the world has been cited in extenuation of her plea (always barring, of course, the supreme facts that ninety of the 100 were in ready, short-haul touch with the sources of freight, behind them, and had wide, deep channels to the sea, in front of them) and her wealth and energy and wisdom has kept the fiction going, until, at last, the world of commerce has tired of the imposition and is gradually, but certainly, ordaining new and handier and less costly devices.

Her fright has taken a desperate turn, and finds apt expression in the "Port of Columbia" bill, sent up to Salem by her Chamber of Commerce for enactment. The laches, the failures, the blunders, and worse, for which the Port of Portland is answerable, are to be shouldered upon the Port of Columbia, including two counties 100 miles away from the seat of interest and utterly foreign to every detail of the business, yet made amenable for the cost and charges of maintenance and loss, by direct taxation that will not yield them a single dollar of return. The tenor of this measure indicates all too plainly the desperate straits to which Portland is driven to "save her face," as a seaport, and balance her accounts with the maritime world for her enforced absorption of the differential of 1 shilling and 3 pence prevailing against her at Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco.

Not for an hour will her last and baldest expedient stand the scrutiny of honest men at Salem, nor anywhere else. It is too radically raw to escape analysis, scrutiny and condemnation. It is the first and the worst sign of weakness she has ever manifested, and the transparent audacity of the thing is tacit confession of her defeat in commercial circles. We wish this were not so; because Astoria is her natural and certain successor in the re-establishment of the Columbia commercial regimen and we would rather assume our new destiny in square and open fight, won upon natural and defensible claims, and issues, than take it upon the self-wrought discredit invoked by Portland's pitiable choice of alternative and wretched misuse of that.

ASTORIA'S RED-LETTER DAY.

Next Thursday, February 14 (St. Valentine's day, by the way) will be a

red-letter day in her history. If: Her citizens shall, for 24 hours, lay aside all traditional squabbles, all personal amenities, all pet schemes, all private speculations, all grievances, doubts, asperities, and claims, and turn out, en masse, to the great Chamber of Commerce meeting called for the evening of that day, at Logan's Hall.

Once there, the Astoria spirit will renew, re-energize and re-direct them, for the common good. The Astoria spirit is not dead; but it has slept over-time and needs awakening; it needs exercise, room for expansion and application; it is a good thing and will be easily recognized by anyone on the lookout for it. Once aroused, and happily directed, it will do its own infinite good, cheerfully, successfully, vigorously and with but little urging; the essential thing is to keep it awake and regularly employed. Like all spirits, it is painfully negative unless it is invoked and kept going; and nothing arouses it so readily as a call from the people in whose service it is destined to operate, but it must be remembered, that it must be left free to do its good and effective work, unhampered by jealousy, greed, secret ambition, personal spite and other impeding and disquieting agencies; it will not work in harness with private grudge and individual rapacity; it demands, and will have, an open, unembarrassed field, in which the common good and spontaneous local purpose and action dominate clearly and operate in wholesome fashion.

This must be the cardinal predicate for the work of next Thursday, in Astoria. There must be no question of "I," nor "We," nor "Me, too," nor "Mine," the sole issue of the day must be "Astoria," her future. With that, alone, for slogan and objective, the Chamber of Commerce Convention, next Thursday, will yield to this city a Valentine of progress and success, that will lend unforgettable emphasis to every recurring anniversary of the jolly old Saint!

THE NOTARIAL FUNCTION.

It is well that this legislature should raise the standard of the notarial function in this state. Far too long it has been but a cheap moiety, an unvalued, immaterial office, illy served for the most part, and widely misunderstood as to its real significance. No state in the Union has permitted the notarial office to fall so low in the scale of legal utilities, as Oregon has. California puts specific limitations upon the creation of notaries; assigns so many to each county in the state, measured by the sum of its current business, and population, as well; requires a first-class bond in the sum of \$5,000, and safe-guards the appointment, by strict inquiry into the fitness, qualifications and standing of every applicant, and makes the office of notary one of significant honor and importance everywhere within her borders. Oregon has gone directly to the opposite extreme; and it is an excellent thing that she is doing, in re-investing the post with value and dignity and making it something worth striving for, and holding. There are times and circumstances when the intelligent notary can exercise his functions with immense effect in legal and commercial circles and the office should be put on a par with its high duties.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The Thaw case will make the American people wish for that un-American adjunct, the press censor, before it has gone much further.

Bre'r Hodson's "little joker" was illy concealed in his bill to have the Associated Press declared a common carrier. It is quite common for some things to carry too far!

Steer the crest of that Willamette flood this way when it passes Portland. Astoria can take care of all such trifles. She has room in HER harbor for all such oddities.

Honest old coal-gas is a rarity on this, and other markets. The sterilized saw-dust article is in the saddle just now. How long, Oh! Lord, how long?

As a matter of fact, a notary public should be a pretty fair lawyer, to do his work safely and well. As it is in Oregon, at present, the office has no particular standing nor standard, neither as to personnel nor quality of administration. Cure it, by all means.

What's the difference between the Astoria common council and the Astoria police commission? The roaring answer from the mystified populace, prompt and unanimous, is "Damfweno!"

Next Thursday night's mass meeting of Astorians, for the express good of Astoria, is going to be a sharp test of the scope and character of public spirit here.

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ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING ASSURED

JOINT ASSEMBLAGE OF ASTORIA COMMERCIAL BODIES WILL CONVENE THURSDAY EVENING WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Chairman John Gratke, of the steering committee of fifteen, of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, which met Thursday evening to arrange for a big joint meeting of the commercial organizations of the city, has received acceptances from the three speakers requested to make addresses at that time. The meeting will be held next Thursday evening at Logan Hall.

Chas. B. Merrick, manager of the Oregon Retail Grocers and Merchants Association, who knows the needs of business men in the west and is an interesting talker, yesterday sent his acceptance of the invitation extended to him to be present to F. J. Carney. He will speak on the necessity of co-operation and its bearing upon commercial success. Walter C. Smith of Portland wired his acceptance yesterday forenoon. Mr. Smith is an able and convincing speaker and well informed on the commercial prospects and possibilities of Astoria. He has been interested in the advancement of this city, being interested here and on the west side. The manager of the Oregon Development League, Tom Richardson, has also wired his acceptance of the invitation to speak tendered him and will speak on the necessity of unified and directed activity among merchants.

The committee is hard at work making preparations for the big meeting, and an excellent program is assured. The musical numbers will include selections by a mandolin club and a brass band and other attractions are being considered.

Every indication points to a fine program and a large and enthusiastic attendance. The movement of the Chamber of Commerce to unify and enliven the business organizations of the city has become a matter of utmost interest to the leading merchants here and there are few who will not be present next Thursday.

RIISING FROM THE GRAVE.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fertwell, 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', druggist. Price only 50c.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 26, 1907.

Table with RESOURCES section: Loans and discounts \$477,132.49, Overdrafts secured and unsecured 7,836.00, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 25,000.00, etc.

Table with LIABILITIES section: Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00, Surplus fund 12,000.00, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 11,743.54, etc.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January, 1907. C. A. COOLIDGE, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Astoria National Bank

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business January 26, 1907.

Table with RESOURCES section: Loans and discounts \$370,387.94, Overdrafts secured and unsecured 8,887.50, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500.00, etc.

Table with LIABILITIES section: Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00, Surplus fund 40,000.00, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 12,539.73, etc.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January, 1907. GEO. C. FULTON, Notary Public.

IT WILL PAY TO DO IT NOW!

If sugar were down to three dollars a sack, what would all the shrewd housekeepers of this city be doing right now? Buying some. That is what all well dressing men should be doing to these reasonable suits and overcoats. Buying some. They are just as staple as sugar and every whit as good value at the regular prices. You are overlooking your own interests to miss these reduced price offerings.



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

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