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WEATHER.

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

THE BONDING HABIT.

For the past forty days there has been a vast deal of realty bonding in and about Astoria, notably in bay frontages and closely contiguous property thereto.

If bonding for sale must be primarily indulged, it is up to the owner to put his property in the dealers' hand upon bonds of stiff figure, and very short tenure; else, by the time the real investor arrives, what he shall want to buy is, practically, off the market for him.

The process of bonding is legitimate enough, but is easily overdone, and readily depresses an otherwise free and open market; and, as we said before, the only safe rule to pursue, is to bond for the briefest possible season, and at a figure that somewhat approximates real investment.

MERGE, NOT SUBMERGE.

What this city wants, above all things, is an accepted plane upon which can be arranged a strong merger of local interests; a consensus of thought, purpose, action and means, that shall have the advance of Astoria's commercial interests strictly in view; everybody for everybody, rather than every man for himself; some spurring incentive to compel recognition of the fact that there are public interests to be served as well as private ones; that we can never forge ahead as a community, by pulling a thousand strings in as many different directions; diverse energies are always inoperative as applied to a single object.

FOUR MILLIONS.

The present legislature is making old Oregon sit up and take notice. It is estimated that this year's appropriations will aggregate the extraor-

inary sum of \$4,000,000; a total quite stupifying when measured by the biennial sums devoted to public service in the past, but quite reasonable and wholesome, if it shall be expended honestly, upon honest ends, for the good of the people at large.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Behold how lively a real estate market one, little, unconfirmable rumor kindleth!

Twenty-two steamships, foreign, headed Astoria-ward since January 1. A few of them may pass on to Portland.

If there is any virtue in "signs," there will be something doing in the way of street repair soon, on Eleventh, from Commercial to Bond.

Yesterday was one of Astoria's "beauty days," for which she is justly famous. The beautiful atmospheric conditions acted as a magnet in drawing out of seclusion all the other beauties for which she is equally famous.

There may be famines of coal and firewood and cars, but there is a world of channel-room in Astoria's great harbor for the fleets of the world. And they are coming!

Be it remembered of all men that the Morning Astorian has "passed up" the question of an "open or a closed town?" The solution lies in very responsible hands. We, too, await the dictum.

It's a dull day in Astoria when there is not a bride to grace some new home in Clatsop's midst!

MIXES WITH ROTARY.

Chief Engineer of Harriman Lines Falls into Snow Plow.

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—Caught beneath a rotary snowplow and dragged for a short distance with the "dangler" crushing the lower portion of his left leg, to be finally rolled almost into a ball and emerge with his shoulders beneath the rear trucks, George W. Boschke, chief engineer of the Harriman affiliated lines, had a narrow escape from a horrible death near Oneonta yesterday afternoon.

The presence of mind of Conductor Mahaffey and the watchfulness of the engineer of the second locomotive used in pushing the plow are credited with saving Mr. Boschke's life. From the statement of eye-witnesses, it appears that Mr. Boschke was standing alongside the track as the plow came ahead at a rapid clip to gather momentum for a plunge into a soft snowbank, and wishing to be in the cab, Mr. Boschke reached for the handle in effort to get aboard. His gloves were wet and slippery and about the time he grasped himself for the spring, the crust of the snow, which was three feet deep, gave way, throwing him beneath the plow.

The "dangler" was up at the time, and that fact prevented a fatality. The momentum of the plow carried Mr. Boschke for a short distance and then forced his body past the "dangler" and his shoulder brought up against the brakebeam of the rear trucks. Conductor Mahaffey caught Mr. Boschke by the shoulders as he was thrown against the beam, but by that time the plow stopped, as the rear engineer had reversed his locomotive and his action was responsible for the other following suit.

The overcoat worn by Mr. Boschke was torn to shreds, but a cigar he held in his mouth when he went under was not disturbed. He is attending to his duties today, somewhat sore from the trying experience, but with a better knowledge of snowplows.

Pine Salve Carbolyzed acts like a poultice; highly antiseptic, extensively used for Eczema, for chapped hands and lips, cuts, burns.

Sold by Frank Hart's Drug Store.

PRESS RESERVED

Japanese Find Outburst of Papers of America Rediculous.

PRICK BUBBLE OF CONCEIT

Say Newspapers Show Civilization of Christian Nations is Inferior to Their Own in Morality and in Other Ways.

TOKIO, Feb. 9.—In discussing the anti-Japanese agitation by a portion of the American press, all classes, whose opinion is worthy of consideration are significantly reserved. The two prevailing sentiments noticeable are a strong disdain and contempt for the papers in America, which entertain the idea of a war between Japan and the United States, and implicit confidence in President Roosevelt, who is regarded as the true type of an American.

People are inclined to smile with satisfaction at the outburst of what appears to them as a ridiculous agitation and at the barbarity practiced toward innocent children in a Christian land which had been classed by missionaries and others as a country which possessed the only true religion and the only true God.

Th Japanese have no doubt been smarting under the assumed superiority of Christian nations, and now find such an occurrence amid Christian civilization as serves in their judgment as the confession of an inferiority, moral and otherwise.

Moreover, the successful war with Russia has inspired the Japanese with greater confidence, and although the possibility of a war with the United States is not generously entertained, it may not be amiss to point out that some are inclined to regard as significant, Secretary Taft's declaration in regard to fortifying the Hawaiian Islands.

DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Are Brought Against Former Superior Judge Benson of Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—Former Superior Judge E. D. Benson was cited this morning to appear in the superior court and show cause why he should not be disbarred from the practice of law. The hearing is set for February 13. The charges which were filed by Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh connect Benson's name with alleged unprofessional transactions. Benson was on the bench from 1896-1900. He has always been prominent in politics, first in Populist and later in Democratic circles. He was a leading advocate of municipal ownership last fall.

SNOW EXPENSIVE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The County authorities yesterday voted \$785,000 to the street cleaning commission to pay the expenses of removing the recent fall of snow. The last previous snowfall was removed at a cost of \$250,000, making a little over \$1,000,000 that the storms this year have cost the country.

DISCONTINUES DISPENSARY.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 9.—The Senate today passed the House bill to discontinue the state liquor dispensary.

OREGON EDITOR KILLS.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 9.—John P. McManus, editor of the Pilot Rock Record, shot and killed Bob Estes, a gambler, in a saloon here this afternoon.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents a month, delivered by carrier.

DEVERS GOLDEN WEST

SPICES, COFFEE, TEA, BAKING POWDER, FLAVORING EXTRACTS

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

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

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, 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.

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Astoria National Bank

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State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, 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.

DR. GEE WO THE GREAT CHINESE DOCTOR

THE CORRECT CLOTHES SHOP

"Mere differences of opinion about a man reveal that his genius is genuine. The saviors of the world have all been greatly loved—and they also have been hanged between thieves."—Ali Babi (Elbert Hubbard).



There seems to be a marked difference of opinion among some of Astoria's clothing merchants, as to which one is really the people's savior—from high prices. Each is performing duties peculiar to himself, each framing up a different sort of "fit" to "throw." Now, while we don't pose as philanthropists—but merely carry out our role as a reliable business firm, doing business on business principles—getting rid of all surplus stock between seasons—and incidentally giving the people some great values for their money—we desire to call the attention of the readers of this paper, to the following list of

CHALLENGE VALUES FOR THIS WEEK

- We shall continue to offer Men's Suits and Overcoats, values up to \$16.00 for \$10.00
And, in addition, Overcoats and Suits that challenge comparison at \$12.50 and \$15.00
\$1.85 Men's splendid 25c half-hose, in fast black cotton fabrics, full of wear and perfect fitting; special this week at

MEN'S TROUSERS: You'll find from 50c to \$1.00 in every pair. Finely tailored, handsome, neat, attractive patterns in the most desirable materials, examples of expert workmanship, for dress or business wear. Values in this convention that will impress themselves upon every one who sees the display in our window—samples that represent hundreds of pairs on our tables inside the store, as low as \$1.65 Pr. and up to \$4.95, with a round dozen in-between prices. Not a pair in the sale that isn't worth more than we ask by as much as 50c to \$1.00 a Pair. The biggest values in Pants in Astoria! Make Us Prove It! S. Danziger & Co. THE STORE THAT NEVER DISAPPOINTS Astoria's Foremost Clothing House

LIQUID VENEER MAKES OLD THINGS NEW



Liquid Veneer is a wonder! It will make the whole interior of your house shine like new, making re-finishing or re-varnishing entirely unnecessary. It is not a varnish, but a surface food and cleaner, building up the original finish and making it brighter than ever. It is applied with a piece of cheese cloth and no experience is necessary. No drying to wait for. Removes all scratches, stains, dirt, dullness. It can be applied to any finish with beneficial results. Natural wood, as well as any color of paint, will be better for an application of Liquid Veneer. Liquid Veneer will improve even the most beautiful furniture. It will take that smoky look from the Piano and other Mahogany, and is highly beneficial to Golden Oak, White Enamel, Gilt, Silver and other finishes. Liquid Veneer sells at 50 cents a bottle, and a bottle is enough to renovate the ordinary home. Try it and you will always buy it.

SOLD BY B. F. ALLEN & SON

VALENTINES!

Our complete line is in with nearly twice as much stock and twice the variety that has ever been displayed by us in the past. Valentines from the comic at 1c each to the beautiful creations at \$6 and \$7 each.

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