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WEATHER.

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

PARTY OR PEOPLE, WHICH?

The Morning Astorian for one-third of a century has been a strong, active, undeviating, loyal agent and representative of the Republican party in the State of Oregon and the Nation.

There is a mighty juncture in affairs at present, however, that calls for the most deliberate and far-reaching action by the Republicans, as such. It is the passage of the Chapin bill for the establishment of a railway commission charged with the immense task of warping the railroads back into the harness of the law and saving the people and industries of Oregon from annihilation commercially.

This comes with wretched grace from a party holding the tremendous leverage of a 39,000 majority in the State of Oregon that stood still and permitted the election of George E. Chamberlain, and if it is proposed to recoup that miserable blunder by the commission of one infinitely worse, to-wit, the studied and utter submergence of a half-million people and their abounding capital and interests to the eternal rule of ruin already inaugurated by the railroads of Oregon, then it must be known once for all that this paper and its influence rises superior to party and stands for the commonality against the free-booters and their henchmen, who in the name of party, would cinch forever the thrall of robbery and defiant audacity the people are at last in a position to throw off.

ASTORIA'S VALENTINE.

On the night of the 14th of the present month, day after tomorrow, the City of Astoria should get a valentine of prodigious promise and value.

It is up to her liveliest citizens to see to it that she is not overlooked in the distribution of these favors. St. Valentine's Day here must be made memorable for the initial steps taken then for her big and potent future. There will be a mass-meeting and there will be an assemblage of the responsible men of this city, aided and abetted by a group of live and capable men from other centers, to program that future and make it realistic.

It is said there is no Astoria spirit. We deny it. There is plenty of it and of the right sort, but it must be energized and directed into channels

that shall lead to a common goal and larger benefits. The day of temporizing has passed, the day of assertion and action is at hand, and the possibilities are immense and bursting with promise; and if by any mischance, the hour and its advantage is thrown aside and rendered nugatory, then must come the alternative of weeding out the drones and the "taking of the bit" in mouths that mean something more than mere talk. There has been half a century of talk, more than enough to have made Astoria what she should have been years ago, a great commercial depot in the Northwest. The hour is at hand and hugely prolific of real accomplishment, if there shall be a common, honest, hearty purpose in view. The man must give way to the community and share the general increment. The same revulsion that has come to Portland must be demonstrated here. For years she dawdled through killing inertia and in the past six years she has thrown off her old "skin" and blossomed out into the warm glare of prosperity and has a magnificent future provided for. Astoria has the same thing outlined for her and she must live up to her opportunity. She must not pass Thursday night by with indifference; her last man must be out at the opera house and bring his hope and all his enthusiasm with him, and mould them both into the splendid program that is due to emanate from that meeting.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Oklahoma will be unable to get a freak constitution accepted, and ought to be glad of it.

Ample opportunity is coming for the Standard Oil attorneys to show that they are earning their salaries.

In prompt tender of relief to the suffering there is reason to believe that Uncle Sam would do it again.

After his apology Senator Tillman feels better—that is, better than Swettenham under a similar grim necessity.

Navigation of the upper Mississippi river has been blocked by two temporary forces: the ice king and Congressman Burton.

The Panama canal need not feel lonesome. It will be finished long before the Hearst and the St. Louis municipal election recount.

The Thaw jury will be asked to find that the prisoner is insane, but harmlessly insane, if acquitted.

The socialists and public ownership extremists have been surprised of late when they stood up to be counted.

No one had any idea of the number of lurid adjectives in the English language until 228 reporters were turned loose on the Thaw trial.

New England is harvesting a big crop of natural ice, having learned that mere scolding about a trust fails to reach it in a vulnerable spot.

Crowds go to hear Bryan, it is said, to "find out what there is in him." This profound conundrum insures continued big audiences and small votes.

Jersey City has begun to enforce the no-seat-no-fare principle on its street cars. There is a difference of opinion whether the crowds left on the corners will applaud or start a riot.

ACTUALLY CURES CATARRH.

T. F. Laurin's Faith in Hyomei Is So Strong He Sells It Under Guarantee.

It is one thing to claim, another thing to back up the claim by a statement that if it is not proven true, there will be no charge for the service or the goods.

It is in this way that T. F. Laurin sells Hyomei, for he has so much faith in its powers to cure all forms of catarrh and bronchial troubles that he gives an absolute, unqualified guarantee with every outfit that if the remedy does not cure, the money will be refunded.

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A complete Hyomei outfit costs but \$1, and extra bottles, if needed, may be obtained for 50c. With Hyomei you can cure catarrh pleasantly and easily at small expense with no risk of the treatment costing a penny unless it cures.

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THE ONLY NEW STOCK ON HAND TODAY AT EILERS BRANCH STORE IS AN \$800 PIANOLA PIANO AND A BURDETTE ORGAN.

Another fine assortment of latest styles of pianos were ordered today. They will arrive Thursday and be displayed at once. In the meantime we are going to sell two second-hand organs, a used Pianola and a second-hand Fischer piano, for what they will bring; to clear them out of the way by Thursday evening. One of the organs is an Earhuff in walnut and the other organ is a nearly new Putnam in oak. Take your choice of them at any fair price and on \$3 monthly payments. But come by Thursday.

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TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Clatsop county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the court house as follows:

For State Papers—Commencing on Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 16, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civic government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, algebra.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, and school law.

For County Papers—Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 15, at 4 o'clock p. m.

First, Second and Third Grade Certificates: Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

Primary Certificates: Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, arithmetic, reading.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, physiology.

MISS EMMA C. WARREN, County Superintendent.

THIS MAY INTEREST YOU.

No one is immune from kidney trouble, so just remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will stop the irregularities and cure any case of kidney and bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

You'd better paddle your own canoe. For that's what you'll have to do. For when you are in hard luck And want to borrow a "Saw-buck" All you'll get is sym-pa-thee, Unless you take Rocky Mountain Tea.

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Advertisement for Dever's Golden West Spices, Coffee, Tea, Baking Powder, Flavoring Extracts. Absolute Purity, Finest Flavor, Greatest Strength, Reasonable Prices. CLOSET & DEVER'S PORTLAND, OREGON.

POLICE CONFERENCE.

Quiet, But Important Meeting at City Hall Last Night.

The council committee on health and police, with Mayor Herman Wise, and the Astoria police commission, met at the city hall last night, Police Judge Anderson and Chief of Police Gamal being in attendance.

The object of the session was to look into the exact status of certain conditions alleged to exist here and provide a remedy therefore, notably among the dance halls.

No final steps were taken last night and it is likely another conference will be held before any orders are sent out. But it is conceded that definite arrangements must be made soon in behalf of stricter regulation.

LA GRIPPE AND PNEUMONIA.

Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

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. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures the most obstinate coughs and expels the cold from the system as it is mildly laxative. It is guaranteed. The genuine is in the yellow package. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures the gripple coughs and prevents pneumonia. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF ECZEMA

Affected Hands, Arms and Legs—Endured Terrible Itching and was Unable to Sleep—Would Tear the Bandages to Scratch the Skin—In less than One Week

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"I had eczema nearly fifteen years. The affected parts were my hands, arms and legs. They were the worst in the winter time and were always itchy, and I could not keep from scratching them. I had to keep both hands bandaged all the time, and at night I would have to scratch through the bandages as the itching was so severe, and at times I would have to tear everything off my hands to scratch the skin. I could not rest or sleep. I had several physicians treat me but they could not give me a permanent cure, nor even could they stop the itching. After using the Cuticura Soap, one box Cuticura Ointment and two bottles Cuticura Resolvent for about six days the itching had ceased, and now the sores have disappeared, and I never felt better in my life than I do now. Edward Worell, Band 30th, U. S. Infantry, Fort Crook, Nebraska.



The most torturing and disfiguring humors, eczemas, rashes, itchings, irritations, and inflammations of the skin, scalp, and blood, with loss of hair of infants, children, and adults, are instantly relieved and speedily cured by the Cuticura Remedies, when all else fails.

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