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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
Fair.

STIRRUP TO SADDLE.

Multnomah's foot is in the stirrup, so far, in the matter of the Port of Columbia bill. On Monday it will attempt the final vault to the saddle in the Oregon Senate. It may as well be understood, once for all, the County of Clatsop will prove the bucking end of the restless mount and will kick incessantly, swiftly, with violence and directness, all time to come, until the arbitrary rider is dispossessed of its seat and the burden is cast.

Multnomah declares she does not want our \$15,000 annual tax contribution to the maintenance of this raw outrage; she simply introduced Clatsop in the bill as a means to accomplish jurisdiction and work her own advantage. Such candor as this now is of a piece with the lack of candor which prevailed in the drafting and forcing of the measure. No word of counsel nor explanation was ever offered in this field; the bill itself had never been printed nor distributed. The initiative rested solely with Multnomah, who wisely guarded it lest Clatsop should have ample time to rise against it.

The whole thing is reeking with subterfuge and dishonest double-dealing and is the aptest possible expression of foul advantage taken of a helpless community. Our only hope lies in the sense of honor of the Senate that may be trusted to look a bit deeper into the shady depths of this wanton imposition, turn its hidden attributes into the open light of day; analyze its features and their relative bearing on the communities affected, and require broader proof of its honest utility and advantage, before they pass it. If this be denied Clatsop county, then we have no standing before the law givers of Oregon at all, and must look to other sources where the law is sometimes expounded in less expeditious and less interested fashion.

Not for a day will the people of this county rest in quietude under this over-riding, arrogant, grossly unfair measure, and Multnomah will find that the day of her domination, at this end of the river, is past. By this act alone she has forfeited every atom of good-will and patronage Astoria owes her. The fight may be a long one, and a bitter; but before it is done with, she will know more than she does now of the resources of Clatsop county, in striking the balances of trade and commerce in the general communal accounting between the metropolis and the city she has deliberately outraged.

THE SECTIONALIST.

The one grave trouble of the state and federal legislative propaganda of this country, is that there are too many sectionalists and too few wide minded men. At Washington it is the fight of the South, of New England, of the Middle West, the Pacific Coast, the East, one against the other, and but a miserable minority for the country; and this aside from the special interests always pre-eminent and exacting. The same rule applies to the States, with Oregon not the least of the wretched examples. Here it is always Multnomah against every-

thing, and the eternal scrap of Eastern, Western and Southern Oregon, with the Willamette valley as a warring free-lance against them all. No balances are ever struck by the contending forces, save to effect a "clean" of some kind and compel a divisible advantage of some sort. The day of big, manly, generous things has passed, and the spirit of true legislation, for the common good, the good of the whole people, has been warped to the dirty level of commercialism and stands only for the small and restricted elements, instead of being the axis of the loyal, constitutional, comprehensive popular programs for which it was ordained primarily. The tendency is strictly on a par with the other tendencies of the hour, to the lower grades of human grossness and avidity, and the abandonment of all cherished standards.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Only a few weeks more of this delightful winter weather.

The annexation of Cuba is become a mere question of time and trouble.

"Say, old man, how do you like me in my new dress suit?"

"Fine. Now, if you only had a little dignity, you'd look like a head waiter."

The great problem of the mining stock business continues to center in the difficulty of disposing of the supply after the demand has been satisfied.

It is funny to see newspapers which condemn "Salome" as immoral employed in printing the report of the Thaw trial with all of the Scripps Press' nasty details.

Newspapers which make a specialty of the Thaw case should issue an expurgated edition each day for the benefit of families some of whose members are not yet moral perverts.

"If you don't quit eating so much, Johnny," exclaimed Mrs. Lapsling, horrified at the gluttonous propensities of her youngest, "the first thing you know you'll be a regular filibuster!"

The newest feminine occupation is that of a young woman who thoroughly understands dogs, and advertises her willingness to take a few valuable dogs for exercise one hour each day at 50 cents an hour.

The American people have become so expert in the art of tax-dodging that the majority of prominent citizens do not esteem it worth while to bother themselves about the appropriations of public moneys.

With the legislative term four-fifths gone it appears reasonably certain that the new legislation will not be of such a comprehensive character as to deprive the politicians of issues for the next campaign.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$32,000,000 to the general education board as a supplement to the \$11,000,000 previously contributed will at least convince a lot of pinheaded pessimists that the oil merchant is determined to corrupt the people of the United States at whatever cost.

Our treaty with Japan will expire by limitation next month and it is possible that in negotiating terms for a new one the administration will not insist upon the granting of rights to the orientals which are denied to the dark brunette citizen of the United States.

At the first blush it would hardly seem that there was any connection between automobiles and high art, but there is, though it is of a negative sort. Art dealers have found since the automobile craze became acute that their sales have fallen off tremendously. The man who owns an automobile hasn't any time for art, and very few men with a taste for art can afford to own an automobile. There are a few very rich persons who can afford to indulge both luxuries, but not many.

EVEN FROM THE MOUNTAINS

Ballard's Snow Liniment 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 Liniment 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.

CANNON IN THE LEAD

His Presidential Boom is at Present Making Large Noise.

BACKED BY SOLID STATE

Czar of House Has Flattering Prospects—One of Jesse James' Brothers Turns His Attention to Farming.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon's Presidential boom is assuming healthy proportions. He is rapidly coming to be recognized as the most logical Republican candidate for 1908, provided the convention is not stampeded and insists upon renominating President Roosevelt. In looking over the list of prospective candidates, with Fairbanks in Indiana; Spooner and LaFollette are at daggers drawn in Wisconsin; in Ohio there will be a clash between Taft and Foraker; Cummins is fighting Shaw in Iowa, and Root and Hughes undoubtedly will strike fire in New York. From present indications, it would seem that Speaker Cannon is the only public man now under consideration who can appear in the convention of next year with a solid state delegation behind him. However, the Czar of the House declines to discuss in any way his candidacy. When the subject is broached he cocks his cigar at a more aggressive angle in the corner of his mouth and says "Fudge."

Frank James, who with his brother, Jesse James, at one time engaged in exploits that furnished material for whole libraries of yellow-back literature, has abandoned for good the gentle art of holding up trains, banks and stage-coaches, and will devote his energies now to turning up the soil with a plow. James this week purchased from the government a farm in the Big Pasture in Oklahoma, which was auctioned off at the General Land Office. The former bandit got the S. E. 1-4 of 35 1/2 South, 10 West, being a part of what constituted the Comanche reservation. The land cost \$2,777. In recent years, he has been making a living by officiating at horse races in Missouri and Kansas.

After an interesting debate the Rivers and Harbors appropriation bill passed the House this week and is now up to the Senate. The debate in the House at times grew acrimonious, but the bill was passed along by a unanimous vote. This unanimity is a striking indication of the way in which Congress now regards this special legislation. In days gone by the debate that raged on the floor over this bill, especially with regard to the failure to provide a large amount for the Lakes-to-the-Gulf deep waterway channel, probably would have resulted in the defeat of the measure, or, at least, in curtailing it. It has come to be recognized now, however, that the measure is one that works as good for the country at large, and it is realized that a broadminded policy of waterway development must be undertaken to meet the growing needs of commerce. The spirit that guided the passage of the measure through the House has been created largely by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, a civic organization with a membership throughout the entire United States. This National Rivers and Harbors Congress, is seeking to increase its membership to include every state, civic and commercial organization, and every shipper individually interested in providing better transportation facilities. Its secretary, J. H. Ellison of Cincinnati, recently issued a call inviting all these organizations and individuals to join the movement.

Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco, and the Board of Education of that city, has arrived here for conferences with the President on the Japanese question. It is unlikely that the result of the conferences will be given out for some days, for in all probability any decision reached will be submitted to diplomatic channels before the matter is aired.

That the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to insure the cleanliness of packing products have not abated has just been proved afresh by the interest which officials of the Department are taking in the National Packers' Exposition, which will be held in Chicago in May. This exposition will demonstrate just how meat and vegetables are canned and what effect the passage of the pure food bill has had on the packing industry. The

government authorities welcome this move on the part of the packers, large and small, to meet public interest and curiosity by demonstrating what their processes are. And the packers realize on their part that by coming out openly in this way they will not only make a vitally interesting exhibit, but also furnish evidence that they are giving the public a "square deal."

The nature of the government exhibit has not yet been determined. The Exposition is scheduled to run eleven days. It will be held later on in New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Kansas City.

The Bureau of Manufactures of the Department of Commerce and Labor has just compiled a table of the rates of duty on machinery and machine tools imposed by various countries. Some of the figures are of decided interest, proving that the excellence of American manufactures is recognized abroad. As an instance of this, Russia admits free of duty all the American binder and reaper, and other agricultural implements, the result of American ingenuity. Working under can binder and reaper and other agricultural implements, the International Harvester Company has just sent 9 big shiploads of machinery to Russian ports, and small shipments are going forward regularly in the holds of the steamers of regular lines. In spite of duties imposed by other countries this same concern is widening its market abroad, and the American agricultural machine is to be found in almost every country in the civilized world. This foreign market has been of comparatively recent origin, and it was opened up as a result of the consolidation of the American manufacturers of these machines, and the concentrated effort made to market an increasing surplus abroad. By creating this foreign market the mills and factories of this big corporation are operated steadily and American labor is given employment the year 'round. This is the beneficent side of the corporation question which the administration has been trying to lay before the American people.

While France, Germany, and England are experimenting with aerial fleets and aerial aids to warfare, the United States is not asleep. Army experts are watching closely all experiments with war balloons and airships, and exhaustive tests are to be made at Fort Omaha, near Omaha, Nebraska, of a number of dirigible balloons that recently have been purchased by the War Department. General Allen, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, said this week that he believed this country was far ahead of any other in the matter of flying machines. So far as wireless telegraphy in the field is concerned the United States Army is keeping pace in this regard with other countries. At the present time the troops are equipped with wireless telegraph outfits so constructed that they may be set up in twenty minutes. These outfits are so attuned that they do not interfere with each other and they can transmit messages about one hundred miles. These outfits have been given several tests by the army of pacification in Cuba and reports that have reached the War Department declare that they have been completely successful.

Certain Congressmen are laughing in their sleeves over the predicament of John Wesley Gaines, although their laughter is subdued, for the effervescent Representative from Tennessee is thoroughly well liked. Sometime ago Mr. Gaines, it will be remembered, introduced a bill providing for the "docking" of members absent from their seats without permission. The introduction of his resolution had the effect of galvanizing into life a number of Congressmen from their easy chairs in the rotunda of the Homestead Hotel at Hot Springs, whither they had stolen to enjoy the waters and escape from a dull session. Now Mr. Gaines, who has succumbed to overwork and is generally run down, has been forced to seek the same Homestead Hotel and will spend the remainder of the present session in trying to woo back health at the mineral springs. While the wily Mr. Gaines got permission to absent himself from Speaker Cannon, he comes under provision of his own rule technically, for the permission was not granted in an open session. It is not likely, however, that his colleagues will insist upon enforcing his own rule in this case.

The report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw, which has just been issued, shows that on February 1st there were 37,191 rural free delivery routes in operation, 147 of them having been established during the month of January. On these routes there are employed 37,048 regular letter carriers. Up to that date 54,829 petitions for free rural delivery had been received.

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