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Official paper of Clatsop county and
the City of Astoria.

WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair south,
light rain north portion.

ASTORIA'S REASONS.

The tone of the Portland press of
Sunday and yesterday would indicate
that the City of Astoria is without
reason, or knowledge of its reason, in
fighting the Port of Columbia bill.

This city has a just, fundamental,
vivid and logical reason for its conten-
tion. Astoria aspires to be a sea-port,
the sea-port of the Columbia Basin.

We have lived through the better
part of a century of denial on this
score, but the hope is as eternal as
the imperishable predicate upon which
it has been nourished: the natural, in-
vincible, logical, unescapable, basic
fact, that Astoria is at the gate of
ocean and river, with a dual harbor
not excelled, in all the points of con-
tiguity, expanse, depths, by even the
superb equipment of San Francisco
along this line. This is our primary
reason.

We are fighting Portland because
Portland has always fought us; and
by sheer force of numbers, wealth, in-
fluence, has crushed us down and out
through all the years that have gone;
and is now putting forth her last and
most desperate scheme to make the
tremendous franchise perpetual.

Her tactics in the drafting and di-
recting of this infamous measure; her
underground, surreptitious, sneaking
course, at every stage of its manipu-
lation, shows her own undeniable
knowledge of the chicanery and dubious
craft of the measure.

The side-issues of bar-pilotage, riv-
er-pilotage and towage, as between
the sea and Portland, are as nothing
to us, in the final scheme of endeavor
for our supremacy as THE PORT OF
THE NORTHWEST. So long as Port-
land remains the port, those matters
are peculiarly her own care and we
care neither to assist, nor disparage
her efforts to correct what of fault
or evil she may find.

We are fighting against the Port of
Columbia bill, because it assails our
primary premise of being the only real
seaport on the Oregon coast; because
it was foregathered in the dark with-
out a word of counsel or concurrence
being sought here; because it was
sneaked into the light of day at Sas-
lem at an hour's notice, thanks to the
manipulation of a too complacent
speaker, a more than complacent ser-
geant-at-arms, and a state-printer
whose commanding virtue in this re-
lation, at least, is that he is of Mult-
nomah; because the bill is a direct in-
vasion of the right of the state to
direct and control issues of this sort;
because it is in diametric contraven-
tion of the constitutional amendment
adopted in June last by the people of
this state absolutely forbidding the
creation of commissions of this sort;
because it is wholly, and essentially,
a Portland measure, in which neither
Clatsop nor Columbia counties have
an atom of interest nor chance of real-
ization of any sort whatever, except to
pay the interest on the proposed bond-
ed debt of \$400,000; because the es-
sence and fact of authority, direction,
revenue and prestige, inherent in the
measure, is and will always be, of
Portland; because, Clatsop county was
included, territorially, simply to en-
able the Portland authors of the bill
to go before the legislature in ad-
missible guise, and do what she could
not do alone; because, for ten years

to come, it will give color and de-
pendable quality to Portland's claim
as a seaport, despite all changes that
may take place here; because, as a
measure purporting to be of general
commercial significance to the pro-
ducers and shippers of the State, it is
a lie on its face, and is nothing more,
nor less, than a Portland graft to
cinch Portland's grasp on a situation
that time and proof have rendered vir-
tually untenable, AND NOT BECAUSE
OF THE PALTRY \$1,300 OR \$1,500
PER ANNUM THAT MIGHT BE AS-
SESSED AGAINST THIS COUNTY.

There are some of the reasons Sas-
telia is basing her contest on, and she
has plenty more, that will be utilized
at the hour and place of final adjudi-
cation; for it is vain, indeed, for
Portland to think, for one moment,
that her success at Salem with this
bill, is tantamount to freedom from
further contention on the part of the
people of Clatsop.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Sir Robert Hart has finally decided
to leave China to her fate and ancient
customs.

There are a lot of men who are glad
the telephone doesn't carry the sense
of smell.

Premier Stolypin is hopeful of get-
ting all the revolutionists killed off be-
fore they succeed in overthrowing the
government.

The President writes interestingly
on his favorite topic to the New York
State Mothers' Assembly, and we again
learn from him that, while man's work
is from sun to sun, woman's work
should be from daughter to son.

The statement that a dollar doesn't
go half as far now as it did a few
years ago is refuted by several hun-
dred men on Commercial street who
find the dollar of today an immeasur-
able distance ahead of them.

When the President takes hold of
the proposition to suppress newspa-
per reports in the Thaw case he real-
izes that trifling matters trust inves-
tigation, railroad rates and canal
building really are.

Deputy Police Commissioner Hanson
of New York threatens to stamp out
clubbing and perjury among the po-
lice. He should be exceedingly care-
ful about relieving them of their privi-
leges. They will be angry.

Mr. Edison is working on a phono-
graph that he promises will be louder
and will go longer than those in use.
We see some difficulty in suppressing
the cocaine habit under the circum-
stances.

The Jewish students of Columbia
College have organized for the purpose
of "fostering the Jewish spirit" in the
university. Isn't it rather superfluous
to foster any spirit than single-minded
patriotism in our colleges?

David R. Francis' testimony that
Senator Bailey of Texas would not take
pay for service to an oil company, but
accepted a loan from its president, re-
minds us of an old, almost-forgotten
story of "the devil beating about the
bush."

A Toledo doctor asserts in a large
section of Sunday first page space that
air and water are all the food we
need. If we could only get the people
who go to supper after the theater to
believe that!

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 Lin-
iment 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 be-
fore I could get about, but on apply-
ing your liniment several times during
the night, I was about in 48 hours,
and well in three days." Sold by
Hart's Drug Store.

THIS MAY INTEREST YOU.

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

Young married people, and old ones,
too,
That have no children to laugh and
coo,
Find their troubles will "Little ones"
be,
If they take Rocky Mountain Tea.
For sale by Frank Hart.

GET BUSY NOW FOR
OREGONCITIES, TOWNS, CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE, TEACHERS, PUPILS,
PARENTS, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
CITIZENS ALL AT WORK.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—(Special Cor-
respondence).—The enthusiasm which
is manifested by the various commer-
cial bodies throughout the State of
Oregon, particularly those holding
membership in the Oregon Develop-
ment League, in presenting to thou-
sands of people asking for Oregon facts
and opportunities, will certainly result
in adding enormously to the popula-
tion of the state.

Last Thursday night, Astoria, the
oldest city in Oregon, held a meeting
under the auspices of her Chamber of
Commerce and raised \$6,480 in less
than an hour's time. This was \$6,000
in cash for advertising, and the \$480
represented forty new members at \$12
each. There were numerous subscrib-
ers of \$300 per year and \$180 per
year, many at \$120 and \$60 per year
all payable monthly, and among the
latter were three ladies.

The North Bend Chamber of Com-
merce raised \$5,000 in two hours for
advertising purposes.

Mr. William Pollman, of Baker
City, who never fails in any under-
taking, is in charge of a campaign
started to thoroughly advertise that
city.

Thousands of letters are being re-
ceived by all the different organiza-
tions. Oregon City, La Grande, Al-
bany, and many other points are do-
ing their part.

The school superintendents through-
out the State, as well as the teachers
are at work, and County Superintend-
ent B. L. Milligan, of Malheur county,
suggests that all should get busy and
do all possible to stir up the school
teachers and pupils to co-operate with
the Oregon Development League in
advertising our great state, and the
cheap colonist rates which begin on
March 1 and continue until April 30.

These rates are of \$25 from all Mis-
souri River points, St. Paul, Minneap-
olis and adjacent territory, present an
opportunity to more than ten millions
of people to get to almost any point
in Oregon; from St. Louis the rate is
\$30, and from Chicago and the sur-
rounding country \$32.00.

One of the best known citizens of
Central Oregon, in conversation on the
street in Portland, remarked that
the whole state was ablaze with in-
terest on the subject of the colonist
rates, which were being utilized now
for the first time by all the people of
Oregon as a reason for writing letters
to their relatives, acquaintances and
friends in distant States, to whom they
are presenting the opportunities of
their particular locality.

BELIEVES IN RELIGION.

Justice Brewer Thinks it Can Regen-
erate the Negro Race.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Justice Dav-
id J. Brewer of the United States Su-
preme Court told the congregation in
the Broadway tabernacle yesterday that
in his opinion religion was the prin-
cipal factor by which the negroes of
the South could be converted into a val-
uable assets of the nation.

"We know that there is ignorance,
criminality, and immorality among the
negroes," he said, and it remains with
us to change present conditions so that
the negro will become a helpful factor
in our civilization and progress.

"I believe there is a divine pro-
vidence which will so shape our history
that the negro will be a helpful factor.
We must all assist in bringing about
this end. Industrial development,
cleanliness, education and other use-
ful things are good for the negro, but
I believe nothing will help him so much
as the influence of the cross of Christ,
and nothing will so move him to being
a good and useful citizen as the gospel
of the Prince of Peace."

WILL VISIT PANAMA.

Commercial Clubs of Four Cities Sail
For the Isthmus.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Commer-
cial Clubs of Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati
& St. Louis have chartered the steam-
ship Prince Joachim to make a trip to
the Isthmus of Panama, where the
members will inspect the work on the
Panama canal. With the 19 members
of the Boston club on board, the Prince
Joachim will sail early today.

The seventy five members of the
other clubs will meet them at Charle-
ston, S. C.

The trip is being made at the in-
stance of President Roosevelt, who will
afford the members every facility to
inspect the canal.

The President referred to the pro-
posed trip of the Commercial Clubs
in his last special message to Congress,
saying that he was quite sure that the
members would bear out his message
after a visit to the canal.

On the trip to the Isthmus the Prince
Joachim will stop at the Island of St.
Thomas and at San Juan and Ponce,
Porto Rico. The steamship will re-
main at Colon while the party is in-
specting the canal and on the way back
stops will be made at Kingston and
Port Antonio, Jamaica; Havana, Cuba,
and Charleston, S. C.

HOUSEHOLD CARES.

To the Women of Astoria the Same as
Elsewhere.

Hard to attend to household duties
With a constantly aching back.

A woman should not have a bad
back.

And she wouldn't if the kidneys were
well.

Doan's Kidney Pills make well Kid-
neys.

Mrs. A. S. Cummings of 244 Clack-
amas street, Portland, Ore., says:

"Kidney complaint and backache
clung to me for a long time and often
I suffered very severe attacks of it.
Some times it was a dull heavy ach-
ing over the kidneys and again sharp,
acute pain in the small of the back.
The kidney secretions passed too fre-
quently and often with pain. I had
tried several remedies with poor re-
sults and was finally induced to use
Doan's Kidney Pills. They helped me
so very quickly and continuing their
use, I soon found relief from the
aches and pains. The action of the
kidney secretions was also strength-
ened to a great extent. I recommended
Doan's Kidney Pills in our papers three
years ago. I am always pleased to say
a good word for this remedy and am
glad of this opportunity to confirm my
former testimony."

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drug store and ask what his customers
report.

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50
cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N.
Y., sole agents for the United States.
Remember the name—Doan's—and
take no other.

WILL FILTER AT ISTHMUS.

PANAMA, Feb. 18.—A filtration
plant is to be installed in connection
with the water supply of Panama and
Colon. An American expert, who ex-
amined the water system said the wa-
ter supply would be better than en-
joyed by most of the cities of the United
States and that filtration is not
necessary, but it was decided to in-
stall the plant nevertheless.

SLEEP BROKEN BY
ITCHING ECZEMA

Skin of Whole Body Covered for a
Year—Awful Itching Kept Suf-
ferer Awake Half the Night—
Tried All Kinds of Remedies but
They Had No Effect.

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A PERFECT SUCCESS

"I wish to let you know that I have
used one set of Cuticura Remedies—
one cake of Cuticura Soap, one box of
Cuticura. Pills—which cost me a
dollar and twenty-five cents in all. For
a year I have had what they call eczema.
I had an itching all over my body, and
when I would retire for the night it
would keep me awake half the night,
and the more I would scratch, the more
it would itch. I tried all kinds of rem-
edies, but could get no relief. A friend
of mine told me to try the Cuticura
Remedies which I did, and am very
glad I tried them, for I was completely
cured. If any of my friends should
be troubled with the same disease, I
will cheerfully recommend the Cuticura
Remedies, and if I know any one who
wants to know how I cured myself, I
shall be glad to tell them. Walter W.
Paglusch, 207 N. Robey St., Chicago,
Ill., Oct. 8 and 16, 1906."

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tion, the most successful curative for
torturing, disfiguring humors of the skin
and scalp, including loss of hair, yet com-
pounded, in proof of which a single
anointing with Cuticura Ointment, pre-
ceded by a hot bath with Cuticura Soap,
and followed in the severer cases by a dose
of Cuticura Resolvent (Liquid or Pills),
is often sufficient to afford immediate re-
lief in the most distressing forms of itch-
ing, burning, and scaly humors, eczemas,
rashes, and irritations, permit rest and
sleep, and point to a speedy cure when
most, if not all, other remedies and even
physicians fail.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for
Every Humor of Infants, Children, and Adults con-
sists of Cuticura Soap (25c.) to Cleanse the Skin,
Cuticura Ointment (50c.) to Soothe the Skin, and
Cuticura Resolvent (50c.), or in the form of Chocolate
Cuticura Pills, 25c. per pill of 60 to Purify the Blood.
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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been
in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of
and has been made under his per-
sonal supervision since its infancy.
Allow no one to deceive you in this.
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Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of
Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Pare-
goric Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It
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substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms
and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhea and Wind
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