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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair southerly, light rain north portion.

ASTORIA'S PRIMAL DUTY.

When the new Chamber of Commerce of Astoria shall have gotten into working harness and is ready to enter the commercial lists against her rivals, or upon her own initiative, her primal task is to demand and secure the instant extension of the common-point grain rate to this port.

An uncompromising resolution must be framed and passed, and this, accompanied by the endorsement of every corporation, firm and man of business in Clatsop county, must be presented, under proper auspices, to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the plea must never be abandoned for an hour, for this thing is among the extraordinary essentials of commerce and has been denied to Astoria by the same influences that have wrought her discomfiture along other lines, in the past. There must be no argument, no quarrel, no compromise, no complexities, of any sort; simply, a cold, well-calculated, direct and unswerving demand and contention for the rate. Nothing more, nothing less.

With this secured, Astoria's contention for other commercial advantages will be immensely simplified, and we urge, again, the necessity of making it the fundament of her new commercial career. She will get it, because she is entitled to it!

HIS WAY, AS USUAL!

San Francisco despatched her mayor and a group of her school directors to Washington to impress the President with her irrevocable determination to deal with the Japanese issue indigenous to that particular community. Armed with every argument, assurance, and phase of inviolable contention, the embassy went on to the national capital, to take the situation by storm and compel Mr. Roosevelt and his cabinet to yield them the last of their demands in the crucial premise; after which they intended to return to the Pacific metropolis and take the toll of a grateful commonwealth for duty well and boldly done.

"They came, they saw and (were) conquered!" The Rooseveltian charm beset them most hamperingly; the Rooseveltian argument soon disarmed them; the Rooseveltian doctrine of placating common-sense envied and subdued them to a point of complacency never dreamed of when they started from San Francisco, and now they are returning happy in having disobeyed the home-injunction and lent themselves to the larger and graver program for the common good.

IN HIS DOTAGE.

Supreme Justice David J. Brewer, of Washington, has recently lectured on the negro, in terms that leave no sort of doubt of the eminent jurist's conspicuous ignorance of the race and its tendencies. He lays down the unctuous doctrine that religion, pure and undefiled, is to work the utter salvation of the black man.

Anyone, who has lived among this people and is intimately familiar with their emotional, transitory concepts of religion, must, perforce, smile at the absurd conclusion of the great lawyer and attribute the utterance to the

kindliness of dotage, or the utter absence of any other hypothesis for salvation. The educated, advanced negro (and they are remarkably few) will, himself, scout such an idea. He knows, as all men know who have lived and dealt with the negro, that religion is of no substance or living value to the darkey; it is merely a vehicle for his emotional nature, and he revels, for the hour only, in the expression of his pent-up feelings as invited by the religious formulas he observes.

The negro must evolve, through long years of work, education, independent effort, and the beneficence of gradual recognition, from the elemental conditions that beset him, and which are, in every sense, abnormal in scope, weight and complexity. No single doctrine, nor treatment, nor pursuit, will bring him to even comparative mental equipment and freedom. He cannot, in a single century, cast the spell of the ages; nor can he, in ages, dispel the shadows of human and perverse prejudice. He may attain to respectability, comfort, fair reputation, worldly success, but none of these will contribute, finally, nor fixedly, to his ethical and racial emancipation.

A RARE STORY.

The despatches of yesterday tell the very unusual story of a girl embezzler, a church girl who stole \$1,300 belonging to a Bloomington, Ill., congregation and reserved for the purchase of an organ.

The tale has peculiar significance, since it serves, primarily, to emphasize the rarity of such occurrences; the freedom of the sex, in the business world, from the taint of theft in any shape, and at the same time making luminous and hideous the general readiness of her brothers to pursue such reprehensible ways.

It is a matter of infinite credit to womankind that they are, apparently, above temptation and indulgence, and this fact tends largely to account for their tremendous invasion of the commercial world. It is common knowledge that they are, inherently, far honest than man and the value of such a distinction is not readily overlooked by men who must employ people to handle their daily cash.

Some people maintain that women are more sensitive to the visitation of the certain penalties than they are in the matter of committing the offense; but, again, this is discounted by the absolute rarity of the attempt, and the conclusion of their natural pre-disposition to real honesty remains undisturbed. It is one of the compensations of latter-day life to the philosopher, who, in measuring up human standards, has practically decided that "all men are liars," and thieves, as well.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Edison is so constituted that he may invent more things on the retired list than when in business harness.

It remains for the present congress, which has accomplished much, to show what it can do in a two weeks' finish.

Uncle Sam should put some of his best diplomatists on guard, with a view of keeping out of the Central American imbroglio.

It seems that the main problem at Panama is digging plenty of dirt, and that is simple when the supply of money is satisfactory.

The anti-tipping bill was introduced in congress by a member who was not re-elected. Defeat also has its special privileges and opportunities.

Every patriotic citizen will approve the idea of building another big American battle ship, and while it is being built, the navy department should be preparing plans for a still bigger one.

A correspondent calls attention to the public ownership of the rivers as a magnificent property. The time is coming when the waterways will be recognized as among Uncle Sam's greatest assets.

What To Do When Bilious.

The right thing to do when you feel bilious is to take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Try it. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Frank Hart's and leading druggists.

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.

BLUFFING MR. HILL

O. R. & N. Surveyors Reported to Be in Field.

PARALLELING THE A. & C. R. R.

Astoria To Have Still Another Line—Party at Goble Yesterday and Working Westward—Fact, or Bluff, Which?

A report reached this city yesterday through channels not to be altogether discounted, that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company (otherwise the Harriman interests) has a gang of surveyors in the field from Portland casting preliminary lines for a road parallel with the Astoria & Columbia River railroad. The party was seen yesterday close to Goble, instruments and all.

At first blush, under conditions now existing, this would seem to be a raw bluff at the predominance of the Hill interests which are alleged to be in control of the A. & C. properties, about to close the negotiations and inaugurate the new destinies of the lower Columbia country; but the desperation to which the Portland commercial agencies have been driven of late, and the certainty of Mr. Hill's invasion of this territory, give distinct color to the presumption.

That there is but the smallest fraction of available rail-room on the route and that there must be an immensely costly system of tunnels to make the line feasible at all, is no deterrent in such an emergency as is confronting the bested operators in the Harriman field, and the supreme fact that the A. & C. is, sooner or later, to be but an integral feature in a magnificent coast trunk line between San Francisco and Portland, and that the commerce of the Columbia basin is to be controlled by whosoever is master at the Columbia bar, puts the dare plainly up to the Harriman faction, and no limit of expense nor labor will stop that giant operator from seeking to regain the prestige he has lost to James J. Hill.

Astoria can stand it if Portland and the Harriman interests can. But if it is simply one of those side-bluffs usually engineered by competing railroads, to snare and scare the Hill people back across the river and out of this section, then, for the sake of this section and pre-ordained route and failure of the game and game-

sters, we hail the venture and placidly await the issue.

Astoria seems to be among the great commercial objectives lately and may she never be less until the last that is striving to reach her shall be within her gates.

Skin Disease of Twenty Years' Standing Cured.

I want you to know how much Chamberlain's Salve has done for me. It has cured my face of a skin disease of almost twenty years' standing. I have been treated by several smart physicians as we have in this country and they did me no good, but two boxes of this salve has cured me.—Mrs. Fannie Griffen, Troy, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

BONDS FOR SALE.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the undersigned until Feb. 23, 1907, at 2 p. m., for the purchase of \$7,000 of School District No. 10, Clatsop county, Oregon, bonds.

Said bonds to run 20 years from date of payment of money therefor, and to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

Said bonds to be redeemable, at the pleasure of said district, after ten years, but due and payable absolutely twenty years from date.

A certified check for \$150, payable to the order of the undersigned to accompany every bid as a guarantee of good faith.

No bids less than par received. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. WM. A. SHERMAN,

Treasurer Clatsop Co., Oregon, Astoria, Ore.

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.

Bee's Laxative Cough Syrup containing Honey and Tar, is especially appropriate for children, no opiates or poisons of any character, conforms to the conditions of the National Pure Food and Drug Law, June 30, 1906. For Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. It expels Coughs and Colds by gently moving the bowels. Guaranteed.

Sold by Frank Hart's Drug Store.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents a month.

GIRLHOOD TO WOMANHOOD

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



ELLEN M. OLSON

CLARA E. DARMSTADTER

The responsibility for a daughter's future largely rests with the mother. The right influence and the information which is of vital interest to the daughter imparted at the proper time has not only saved the life but insured the success of many a beautiful girl.

When a girl's thoughts become sluggish, with headache, dizziness or a disposition to sleep, pains in back or lower limbs, eyes dim, desire for solitude; when she is a mystery to herself and friends, her mother should come to her aid, and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, will at this time prepare the system for the coming change, and start this trying period in a young girl's life without pain or irregularities. It has been thus depended upon for two generations.

Hundreds of letters from young girls and their mothers, expressing gratitude for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for them, are constantly being received.

Miss Ellen M. Olson, of 417 N. East St., Kewanee, Ill., writes:—

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"I have had the best doctors in our town for my sickness, and they all thought that an operation was necessary. I had headache,

sideache, and my feet were so sore I could hardly stand. I took two bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound when my periods were established and now I am perfectly well. My mother says she won't be without your medicine in the house. I have told one girl what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me and she is taking it now."

Miss Clara E. Darmstadter, of 453 Breckenridge St., Buffalo, N.Y., writes:

"For about a year, except during the past few months, I suffered with severe pains every month, with backaches and headaches. I had the blues so bad that I was in despair. It is a pleasure to tell you that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me. The change in my appearance is wonderful and I desire that this good may come to every sufferer. Any one desiring to know further details may write to me and I shall be glad to give them."

If you know of any young girl who is sick and needs motherly advice, ask her to address Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and tell her every detail of her symptoms, and to keep nothing back. She will receive advice absolutely free, from a source that has no rival in the experience of woman's ills, and it will, if followed, put her on the right road to a strong, healthy and happy womanhood.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made from native roots and herbs cures where others fail.

No other remedy has such a record of actual cures of female ills. Thousands of women residing in every part of the United States bear willing testimony to the wonderful virtue of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it has done for them.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; a Woman's Remedy for Women's Ills.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE—MEN OF ASTORIA

A Special Clearance Sale of About 100 Smart, Stylish

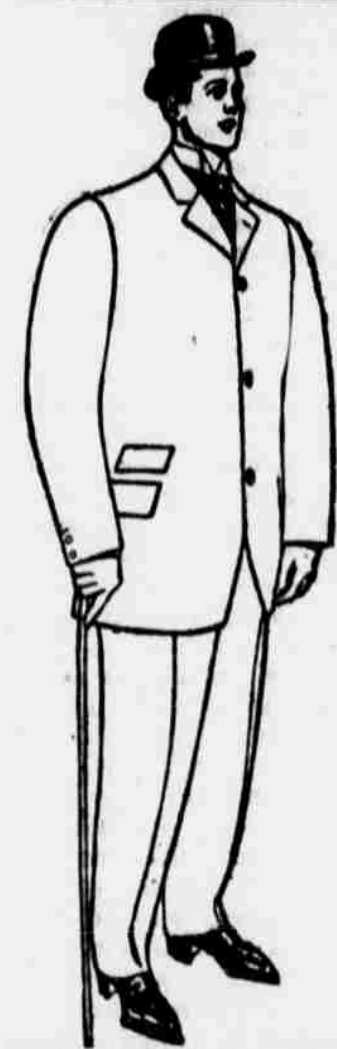
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Fine Quality, High Grade Garments, The Cream of the \$20.00 Lines

Some careless stores might call 'em \$25.00 grade—but we're mighty jealous of the truth, and conservative in our statements; so we say—The Peers of any \$20 Suits in town.

In a Sale This Week at a Choice for

\$15.00



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The Store That Never Disappoints: Astoria's Foremost Clothing House

We do business on such a large scale—that it means full lines almost to the season's end—but it's now time to let go. The result is—this most comprehensive clearance of about 100 of our fine suits.

These reductions mean—that for every suit sold—we incur an actual loss in dollars—but gain a corresponding reward in the best advertising in the world.

Placing the suits—at these prices—on men who will be a constant tribute to our clothes and values.

Best \$20 Suits Astoria men-folk ever bot, this week at \$15.00

EVEN "SOCKLESS"

JERRY SIMPSON

Were he living—would come here for a share in this

AMAZING OFFERING OF MEN'S HOSIERY!

We've just one case of the finest, richest, softest but splendid wearing light wool half-hose—"sox," if you please—fast black, dressy and the biggest bargains this town ever saw at their regular price of 25c the pair. Just to make things lively 'round the hosiery counter this week we shall offer 'em, long as they last, at

2 pair for 25c

Send your wife, sister, sweetheart or mother for what your need if you cannot come yourself.

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ON

Wall Paper 30 PER CENT OFF

On account of the large new spring stock coming and to make room in our store we offer 30 per cent off for the next few days. Buy your wall paper now while it is cheap.

Eastern Painting & Decorating Company.

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Has been hunting around for a year or more to find a line of

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as good or better than the kind he sold here twenty years ago (some of these are beginning to wear out). He thinks he has found the line. He will show them to you if you will call at the store of

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