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## WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho,—  
Rain.

## TYRANNY VERSUS REGULATION.

Tacoma is furnishing an apt illustration, these days, of the disagreeable realization of "too much law." She slammed the lid down on her saloons and resorts of all kinds lately with a bang, so comprehensive and violent in suddenness and scope, that she is caught in the reaction, and is face to face with a problem in civic administration as unique as it is difficult of solution. Her saloon men are banded, along with many who are not saloon men, in a crusade to enforce the Sunday codes of charter and statute against everything named, or hinted at, therein, as amenable to the edicts: Theatres, street cars, restaurants, skating rinks, telephones, newspapers, drug stores, all are under hot and vigorous pursuit by the saloon men and an able corps of attorneys, with a fine chance of doing the over-Sunday grave-yard stunt along with the original victims of the closing law.

Just why our law-makers cannot use a suspicion of judgment in framing prohibitory laws along the course of regulation instead of making them so sweeping and annihilative, is one of the puzzles of the times, and it must be solved by some wide-awake community before long, or the force and virtue of such processes will become a "dead letter" in the public conscience.

## NEW PACIFIC FLEET.

Aside from the very unlikely contingency of war with Japan, it is an excellent thing to equip the waters of the Pacific with a large and ready fleet, as the government proposes to do. Not in the history of the coast has there ever been an adequate representation of this sort out here, and the tremendous growth of commercial life demands recognition of the one biggest and most authoritative kind. The combination of the fleets of the Asiatic and home coasts, under three vice-admirals, with plenty of vessels and the establishment of coaling stations and supply depots, is patent recognition of wonderful advance made in this part of the nation in late years and is due to this realization far more than is to any probability of war in the Far East.

We are glad of it, since it puts the Pacific coast line nearer on a par with the Atlantic and expresses the national thought in an expansive and contributory fashion at once gratifying to the enterprise of the west and commendable to the government in its larger sphere of care-taking and protective administration. The importance of the Pacific is looming immense and must be conserved in every conceivable way from now on; and perhaps the best evidence of its enormous value is found in this far-reaching provision for its safety.

## THE COMING COMET.

Sometime during the coming month according to the astronomical scientists, the world is to go up in smoke and flame, if a certain comet now headed this way, is not deflected from its course. Universal ignition is to follow contact and nothing can save us, unless Multnomah can induce the governor to call a special session of the legislature for the special purpose of

creating a special commission of the wet counties, (those in the Oregon rain belt,) to take full charge of the desperate situation and so soak the country that even the heavenly visitant shall yield its dominant force to the cooling effects. Of course the comet, once met, and vanquished either by the wet blanket of a half state, or by the interposition of the impenetrable, organic nerve of Multnomah, instantly becomes the property of that county and will be utilized as among her chief exhibits at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle, so much of the recent appropriation of \$100,000 made at Salem, as may be necessary, being used to transport it and maintain its entourage while there. If the point of contact between this vagrant comet and the earth shall be remote from Multnomah, then indeed is the world lost, for no such adamant obstacle else, is to be found in all creation. May the fates turn the darn thing this way for the good of humanity!

## DONT WANT ARBITRATION.

Arbitration, as an accepted principle in the adjustment of labor troubles, is an organic feature of the union codes, and the following statement made by President Lanstrum, of the Butte Typographical Union in its pending contest with the Butte News-Publishers is of unique significance as showing the relative value placed on the expedient by unions of this sort:

"Lanstrum took exception to this and told the news writers that the Typographical union did not want arbitration. Evidently he misunderstood the purpose of the good meaning of the union, and declared his union did not want any arbitration, that they had gotten the worst of it wherever arbitration had been tried."

Thus, all arbitration that is not entirely favorable to the Type' end of a controversy, is undesirable and simply will not be tolerated. He had suspected this for some time.

## EDITORIAL SALAD.

Senator Tillman proposes to talk for a period of ten days on the immigration bill. This will have a tendency to defeat the purpose of the bill. At least it will diminish the attractions of Washington as a winter resort.

The President might take up pronouncement reform in one of his jubilant moments of leisure and inform Senator Tillman that "nigger" is obsolete.

Oklahoma seems to be determined come into the Union with all of the modern improvements, including a state debt of respectable proportions.

A Brooklyn bandmaster is writing a "Bridge-Crush March." Suppose it will be in funeral time to typify the snaillike progress of the trolley cars.

"Tillman's war talk scares the senate" is a statement that comes from Washington. But perhaps the senator is only being "humorous" again.

History of previous murder trials in New York should make us feel no surprise if we are "retrying" the Shaw case along in 1910 or beyond.

A spirit medium predicts the destruction of New York city by earthquake. Perhaps that's because we won't give mediums a license.

Objectors to a warlike naval display at Jamestown show poor judgment. We must do something to cow Japan and as gently as possible.

When the czar wishes to punish a criminal severely he makes it imprisonment for life. The czar knows what that is by experience.

It isn't so astonishing to learn that Richard Mansfield has lost his temper again, as that he is always able to find so much to lose.

A Pittsburg paper tells us of a man "shot on the South side." Probably a brother of the fellow who was "struck in a melee."

John D. Rockefeller says it is the first drink that is dangerous. To such an extent has gone the adulteration of liquors.

It seems a little surprising that we never hear of "emotional insanity" except when some one has been killed.

We may have mollified Japan, but California may make it very unpleasant in the family.

Perhaps Pittsburg will discover the sun spot. All Pittsburgers don't go to bed at dusk.

The railroads in the snow belt are plowing to put in their Spring crop of freight.

From what they say, we'll get both food and drink in our lee next summer.

The "suffragettes" are the militant wing of the suffragists.

A London astronomer claims to have discovered the sun!

Heavens! Is that man Smoot still in the Senate.

Edna May quit the stage when she married.

## PHONE CARRIES SCREAMS.

And Neighbors Rush to Aid of Assaulted Woman.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Centerville, Ill., says: Rural telephone users all over Wayne yesterday heard the screams of Mrs. George Stech while she struggled desperately with a tramp who attacked her in her home near the county line. Men in the homes of her nearest neighbors, who hastened to get out teams and run to the assistance of the woman were too late to save Mrs. Stech or capture her assailant. Posses with bloodhounds are searching the countryside, and there is a chance that the tramp will be lynched if captured.

Mrs. Stech says the tramp came to her door and demanded admittance. She was alone in the home with her three year old girl, and frightened, she closed the door in the tramp's face and locked it. The man at once commenced to break down the door. Mrs. Stech carried her little girl to a bedroom and locked her in. She then ran to her telephone and rang to call for help, but before she could speak the tramp had forced his way in and seized her.

She dropped the receiver, leaving the phone open and the central operator heard her first scream.

For half an hour the woman struggled desperately with her assailant all over the little living room. Each time she found herself near the phone she screamed for help. In nearly every home on the system to which her phone belonged her screams were heard.

The first of her neighbors to arrive found Mrs. Stech bound and unconscious. The tramp had disappeared. The men who started out to hunt him down after hearing her story, were armed and said they would shoot him on sight.

## HUNTING FOR TROUBLE.

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## STRUGGLE FOR CHILD.

Seattle Lawsuit is Being Renewed in New York Courts.

SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—Harry Burke, the eleven year old son of Cornelius J. Burke, postmaster of Lucin, Utah, and Mrs. Albert J. Waddell, a divorced wife, is detained at Ellis Island, along with his elder brother, William, who went to Ireland, to bring the boy back. Cornelius Burke claims the custody of the boy and the mother claims possession. The boy was kidnapped two years ago by the father, it is alleged, and sent to Ireland. The controversy in New York after having dragged its way through the courts here for several years.

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## AND STILL ANOTHER

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