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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho,—
Fair.

TACOMA DID, ASTORIA WILL.

Back in the "Eighties" the Oregonian was preaching the fallibility of Tacoma's program to haul grain over the mountain belt and ship it from her docks; basing the vanity of the Sound City's plea upon the utter impossibility of the high-grade haul upon any standard of profit to the shipper. But Tacoma went ahead valiantly and unremittingly with her plans and Portland was the palpable loser.

Now the Oregonian is anxious about the coming demonstration as to the feasibility and profit of the water-level haul as between this city and Portland; just as though an eighty-six mile further haul from the bridge at Vancouver to the Astoria water front, upon the same down-grade that lies back of that structure for a thousand miles or more, was liable to impose additional charge that could not be met. Of course, there must be a "demonstration" in the new premise; that is essential to any new project, but it sounds like a weak and vacuous plea to raise; a grasping at straws to keep on reiterating that the "channels from Astoria to the sea must be put in as good condition as those in the river from Astoria to Portland.

The Oregonian knows well enough that the long-haul-grain from the Hill territory will but pass over the margin of Portland's northern limits and never lay for a day within her yards, and that the terminal haul to this port cuts no conspicuous figure in the estimates that have already been made by the men who have sunk \$30,000,000 in the project of getting it here. Portland may ship; she may have the big money end of the great trade; she may enter into negotiations that will maintain her prestige for all time as the mart for Northwestern grains but she can not effect any competitive condition that will divert the terminal shipments from Astoria. And she may take what comfort she can from the perfectly logical certainty that the channels from Astoria to the sea will, when all things are ready, be in condition as was never yet paralleled on the Columbia above Tongue Point.

RUEF HAS PLAYED LIMIT.

Abe Ruef, the San Francisco hoodler has just about played the limit. He is in court again, with over \$100,000 forfeited bonds to pay, and his case badly prejudiced by his own folly and the conniving tactics of a too facile judge who has evoked the suspicious criticism of his professional brethren of the Bay City. The whole mess is likely to go to an adverse and disgraceful conclusion, and the sooner the better, Schmitz, his running mate, has hedged beautifully, and perhaps successfully, via the late Japanese unpleasantness in San Francisco, and will escape the rigor that is certain to be dealt out to Ruef; but in the public eye and conscience he is none the less culpable. San Francisco's earthquake and fire were as nothing compared to the shameful spoliation wrought by these men and their gangs, and if in the uplift she is now achieving, she can break down, once for all, the hideous ring that has been at her municipal throat for the past seven years,

The Captain of Industry Is Entitled to His Reward.



By JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN, President of Cornell University.

UP to the last century the main functions of government were the protection of life and property and administration of justice. But our nation has now become so complex that the government has been compelled to extend its functions. If anything, I think we are a little TOO MUCH INCLINED TO EXTEND THESE FUNCTIONS. The government now passes laws protecting the health of the working people. In Germany and other countries legislation has provided for a compulsory education and the setting up of state banks and insurance companies. No generation can lay down rules which will be binding upon succeeding generations. The conditions and the evils of a generation MUST BE MET BY THAT GENERATION. So far as the governmental function is concerned, I am one of those that believe that the less we are governed the better. But every emergency must be met and settled according to the exigencies of the case, and, above all, we must see that JUSTICE is done.

Public ownership is still an experiment, and I am not aware that the experiment in this country has appreciably advanced the millennium. I am certainly opposed to government ownership of such utilities as the railroads at this time, as it is entirely too risky, and I first want to see the results in the smaller field of MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. The government could not afford to invest billions of dollars in buying all the railroads of the country and then sink other billions in mismanagement and political corruption.

MY CONCEPTION OF SOCIALISM IS A VOLUNTARY COMBINATION OF LABOR AND CAPITAL.

This is a brand of socialism which will appeal to all English speaking people. It appeals to us because it is based upon the old fashioned virtues of INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRY and individual intelligence. Another idea of socialism confines itself to a protest against enormous fortunes, the idea being to confiscate these fortunes. A few years ago in this country one could count all the men of millions on his fingers, but now we are all familiar with millionaires and even with billionaires. In the presence of so much wealth we are likely to forget the GENERAL PROSPERITY. Some people are too quick to cry that the few have been enriched through the impoverishment of the many. The truth is that WE ARE ALL RICHER AND BETTER OFF because there has been such an accumulation of wealth. Our very rich men are a help to us so long as they invest their money in enterprises which furnish employment for labor. They hurt the public only when they squander wealth. The danger that I see is not in swollen fortunes, BUT IN STOLEN FORTUNES. I want to make it clear that a fortune, although big, is not bad. I want to make it clear that we would all be better off if our fortunes were larger. The danger is not in fortunes, but in the way in which they are made.

Here is a country of eighty millions of people abounding with resources. I believe that the man who knows what the people want can furnish it to them. One who knows HOW to take advantage of the conditions that exist and has the means of reaching the market can make a million dollars and can make it HONESTLY.

THE CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRY IS THE MAN WHO ESTABLISHES AN ORGANIZATION, THE MAN WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO GET HIS GOODS TO THE MARKET. HE IS ENTITLED TO A LARGER SUM OF PROFIT THAN THE MAN WHO HAS NOT THESE RESOURCES.

she will be fortunate indeed, and will have a clean route to travel and clean hands to work with. The whole coast wishes her no less good luck than this and will glory in her renovation and her success.

TEST GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

The big suit filed in the federal court of New York City on Thursday last, by the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company against the American Sugar Refining company, the Havemeyer syndicate, the arch-trust in that commodity of the world, for \$10,000,000 actual damages, and \$30,000,000 tentative damages, for having conspired, and succeeded, in driving the plaintiff concern out of the market and prevented it from engaging in the refining of sugar at all, is one of immense interest to the whole people, since it is likely to be a clear-cut and radical test of the real attitude of the government in the execution and application of its own laws, the case being docketed under the terms of the federal anti-trust law of congress.

The contending companies are both immensely rich and are likely to make the issue historical and of pregnant effect when they shall be determined, and the trial will be watched with great interest by the whole world, since the very future of the trust principle is at bar for analysis and decree that shall be final and beyond the reach of further appeal.

THE CAPITALISTIC EYE.

That Astoria is in the capitalistic eye to stay need not be doubted any longer. The Hill interests have cast a favorable and conclusive glance in this direction and the lesser orbs are quietly following suit, and the most of the minor glances are becoming riveted on this city and country, to the good, let

it be hoped, of the entire section.

Rumor was busy yesterday with the pleasant suggestion that T. B. Wilcox, representing a powerful Portland group was seeking to negotiate the Flavel frontages in the heart of the city here, for what purpose could not be ascertained, and which is immaterial at present, the main thing being the fact that such eyes are looking this way. It is even openly asserted here in circles supposed to be in touch with the source of the rumor, that the big Weyerhaeuser mill, which the world has been expecting for some time, is to be located in this immediate vicinity; and there are other important things bruited hereabout that are worth studying about, and working for as soon as they shall become tangible enough to warrant our chipping in.

Of course, these rumors can not be verified as yet, nor is it expected. Operators of this calibre are not given to flaunting their plans in the face of the public; but they are within the possibilities, and perhaps quite as probable as the once vague rumor that James J. Hill had bought the A. & C., and which was so strenuously denied until almost the hour of fruition.

Astoria is in the purview of big men and men of enterprise, and she is willing to nurse all such rumors into healthy and potent realization as fast as she may.

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EDITORIAL SALAD.

The last blow to the awful good but mistaken people of Utah was delivered by the United States senate when it appropriated \$15,000 to pay the expenses of Senator Smoot in defending his seat. The law grinds hard on the Smoot protagonists.

Mr. Meyer, late ambassador to Russia, says the czar has the kindest intentions toward the people. The protest of the Russian people is that intentions do not make good government and they want to see more kind intentions put into action.

Canada's rigid Sunday closing law became operative yesterday. The Dominion is going to be powerful lonesome as far as we are concerned; but we are willing to admit that such a wicked country should do penance.

Railroad officials says they can't let us fly on flyers at two cents a mile, and the fast trains will have to come off. We might compromise on that by paying the prescribed fare and adding a bonus for the wings.

The lawsuit at Concord is likely to give us more knowledge of Christian Science than we have had before. Where the money goes is the all-important question.

If Tody Hamilton should now be persuaded to reconsider and stick to the old line he will have made an advertising hit never equalled by a press agent.

The Salvation Army's anti-suicide bureaus are likely to find that most of the people who claim to be tired of life are merely tired of work.

The Treasury Department is going to count all the money in the sub-treasury in Chicago. It would better mark the clerks, too.

Queer what's coming over our great financiers! There's Mr. Harriman just begging for reporters to take more interviews!

The contractors suggest that there is a "plot" in connection with the Panama Canal. May be there is a plot on foot to dig it.

After everybody had had a say about the danger of dynamite in the New York tunnels the dynamite spoke for itself.

"The brethren shall dwell together in Concord" in no longer a rule in Christian Science.

The unwritten law in murder trials in Kentucky is to call out the people.

Do Not Crowd the Season.
The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown away and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is pleasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Rheumatic Pains Removed.
B. F. Crocker, Esq., now 84 years of age, and for twenty years Justice of the Peace at Martinsburg, Iowa, says: "I am terribly afflicted with 'sciatic rheumatism in my left arm and right hip. I have used three bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it did me lots of good." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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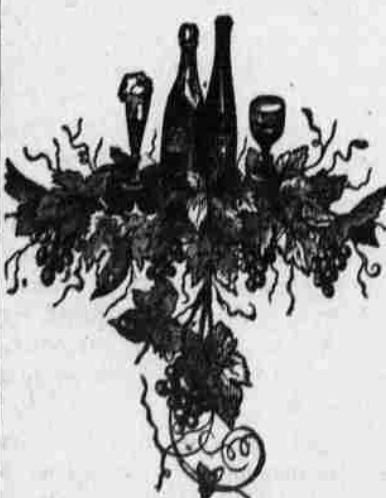
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