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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Showers.

OUR "TOM RICHARDSON."

By the first of April the Astoria Chamber of Commerce will have the benefit of the trained service of a capable commercial agent and manager in the person of J. H. Whyte, of New Orleans, now en route to this city to take up his contracted work in behalf of Astoria and Clatsop county, for a period of two years, upon an agreed salary.

It is very essential that the man be given all the encouragement in the world when he gets here; that his work may not be made any harder than actual conditions render it. Let us all bury our woes and complaints and differences, and put him next to the needs and purposes and dreams of the city, and give him the hand of friendliness and cheer and send him about our business with the conviction that we have a common cause and a common purse, and that he is to champion the one with the aid of the other.

A great deal depends upon the spirit we show him when he arrives, for from us he will take up his cue, and faithful as he may be, and anxious to do for us, he must have the knowledge of our faith, our courage, our purpose, to lead flame to his own. We want a "Tom Richardson" badly, and we are to get one, if we will but put forth our own right and helpful inspiration to aid Mr. Whyte.

PERPETUAL NATIONAL FAIR.

There is meat in the proposition to establish a perpetual national fair in the city of New York.

The preliminary idea to found it with \$5,000,000 to be given by Congress, and guarantee its maintenance by annual state appropriations of adequate scope, thereafter, is worthy of wide debate and careful consideration; the one tremendous essential being that graft be eliminated and made impossible.

With such an institution, liberally endowed, generously supported, and wisely administered, at the very gates of the country, where the millions of home-seekers and nation-builders enter, such a marvelous display of the real resources, carefully grouped, and clearly described, in every known language on earth, would give the intelligent immigrant a safe and conclusive idea of just what section he was best adapted for, and guide him unerringly to those fields and pursuits wherein his best information of mechanics, labor, trade and art, would be the most applicable and the most needed; and thus minimize the time and distance and trouble in properly locating himself and making for the earlier and ampler good of his citizenship. The government, itself, should be closely behind the scheme.

CODDLING THE UNIONS.

Bret Bryan is out fixing up his fences a bit, and is paying especial attention to that string that runs along the "Union" front of his political pasture. The labor unions are a mighty factor in this great young country of ours and he is not the least well informed on that score. He is too good a politician to overlook any essential such as this and we look to see him strongly and even officially affiliated with them.

And, by the way, it may not be amiss for all hands to study the real attitude of the federated trades toward the politics of the country just now, so far, at least, as their best and highest men and ideals are concerned, for it is in the over-looking, that some mighty good things are lost to the deservings: Every man in the country should know something tangible about this growing force in the commercial and political machinery of the nation, and be able to give the matter appreciable consideration when he is appealed to. Time is divesting the organizations of their old-time rough edges and coarse domination, and the finesse of good politics is becoming yearly the surer and more effective policy of the Unions everywhere. Mr. Bryan realizes this, and is making the most of it.

BY NEW YEAR'S DAY NEXT.

On Monday next the work of up-rearing the beautiful structure that is to serve Clatsop county, as headquarters for all time to come, will begin and throughout the balance of the year the sound of all manner of tools and material will resound throughout the city forging the conviction that we are to have the best and handsomest county house in the state.

Everybody wishes the contractors the best of luck, and the hope is universal that when the dawn of the new year shall break, the records and men that constitute the official regimen here, will be comfortably housed in a domicile that will make us forget the miserable hovel that is now doing cramped, and incompetent service.

From all indications there will be little or nothing to retard the work: the most of the materials are on the ground; the sub-structure is already built; the contractors are infinitely familiar with the plans; the labor market is free from turmoil; the weather conditions at Astoria are always propitious during the months to be devoted to this work; the people are glad it is underway, and Messrs. Hastie & Dougan have practically a free hand in their operations. Good luck to all concerned.

EDITORIAL BALAD.

The scientists who are worrying over the lobster crop tell us that out of every fifteen thousand eggs only one lobster comes to maturity. Well, our experience is that out of every fifteen thousand men only one can afford to go up into Broadway and eat up the lobster. The thing evens itself up in the long run.

President Roosevelt's "no mollycoddling" speech has won football again this year for Harvard. President Eliot, it is understood, does not consider that the cause of education has received more than a temporary setback.

The Ohio River rose fourteen feet in twenty-two hours. Looks a little risky for the exposed stocks of railroad companies operating along the river.

As long as the green bug keeps out of the wheat fields and confines its operations to the Chicago grain market the farmers need not complain.

Bridal couples are advised by the press agent for Cupid that there is no danger of being killed by falling icicles at Niagara in the summer time.

J. P. Morgan sailed for Europe yesterday, and the annual discovery of Rembrandts, Raphaels and Van Dykes is about to begin.

We don't care so much about what the soul weighs after death as we do about the coal weighs after discovery.

It is more fun when Wall Street does it to itself instead of to the public.

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.

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The druggists here have been notified to supply themselves with the ingredients, and the sufferer will have no trouble to obtain them. The prescription is as follows: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce, and Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle. The dose is one teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

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All the ingredients, states a well known local druggist, are of vegetable extraction, making it a safe and harmless prescription at any time.

Those who suffer and are accustomed to purchase a bottle of patent medicine should not let a little inconvenience interfere with making up this prescription. Wherever this becomes generally known, states a large Eastern publication, it ruins the sale of the patent medicines and so-called rheumatism and kidney cures, which is its best endorsement of virtue.

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FRANKLIN'S GARB.

The Philosopher Taken For a Quaker, Though He Was Not One.

Benjamin Franklin was often taken for a Quaker, but the philosopher did not belong to the Society of Friends. Franklin, being a simple citizen of Philadelphia, wore clothes of a fashion set by the Quakers, a plain gray or drab suit. He continued to wear this costume while he was in France. Once when his court suit was not ready he appeared in his "republican" garb before Louis XVI. He became the fashion in France and indeed in nearly all Europe, and it was at one time the proper thing for young republicans and literateurs to dress a la Franklin. The German historian, Schlosser, describing Franklin's appearance in the French drawing rooms, speaks of "the simplicity of his external appearance, the friendly meekness of the old man and the apparent humility of the Quaker." In truth, the humility and the meekness were mostly matters of appearance, and the Quaker aspect was only an aspect. Franklin was brought up by his parents in Boston in the Congregational church and was intended by them for the ministry. When he went to Philadelphia, he says in his autobiography, he paid his "annual subscription to the only Presbyterian minister or meeting we had in Philadelphia." But he distinctly avows his disagreement with Presbyterian doctrine and later was quite as ready to welcome and assist Whitefield, the Methodist, with whom he also openly disagreed. Later still, he took a pew in an Episcopal church, but he was never a communicant Episcopalian. He says much about religion in his autobiography, explains how he became a deist in his youth, but abandoned the doctrine because it was not useful in making men good. His own creed he declares to be belief in God and in the immortality of the soul. "Though my scheme was not wholly without religion," he writes, "there was no mark of any of the distinguishing tenets of any particular sect."—Youth's Companion.

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THE TRENTON advertisement for First Class Liquors and Cigars, located at 602 Commercial Street, Astoria, Oregon.

Sherman Transfer Co. advertisement for Hacks, Carriages, Packages, Trucks and Furniture, located at 433 Commercial Street.

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