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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho.— Showers.

THINGS ARE CHEERY HERE.

There is a cheery tone to the talk of the people in Astoria that has not been known here in years, and it is counted one of the surest signs of public confidence.

The coming of the Hill interests to this city and coast is at the bottom of it all, and the basis is counted the best and safest ever held here. No one seems to have any doubt as to the outcome of the Hill plans, whatever they may be, and there is a growing spirit of confidence and patience and hope that speaks well for the wisdom and commercial acumen of the city and county.

This is at it should be. Big things are not wrought out of hand. Time is the factor that yields the cream of events and the faculty of abiding issues is one that pays tremendously. Astoria is joining this, and will reach her largest realizations all in good season, when the powers that are moving for her uplift shall have matured the program that holds the meat of it all.

The Chamber of Commerce is the legitimate medium, now, for all things that are to be fostered and sought; the new manager, J. H. Wayne, is rapidly demonstrating his entire fitness for the trust that has been turned over to him by this people, and they must keep in close and helpful touch with him and the Chamber, to the end that no good thing is passed by nor neglected.

If you have a safe and reasonable proposition for the good of Astoria take it into the Chamber of Commerce, and see that he gets next to it; and leave the rest to his judgment and energy. Thinking and working for Astoria means much for the man who does the thinking and striving, and will mean far more to the city in the end because the habit will create public spirit in the man, and public spirit is the life of progress. If things go on as they are, there will be no lack of enterprise and willing initiative in this "man's town" before long, and then we shall see the results pouring in on all sides. Let it be "We," and not "me." The crowd leads, the individual lags, when a big community is to be served.

THE "PORT OF COLUMBIA."

There are just fifty-three days left in which to put in operation the legal tests of the Port of Columbia bill.

It is high time the initial steps were being taken to this end; the people are beginning to wonder what has become of the matter and whether the contention set up here is to be wrought out in the courts. The written opinions desired by the county court have not yet been filed, and there is an apparent apathy in the case not altogether appreciated. Questions are being asked, quiet, pertinent and altogether direct, and they are entitled to answers just as patent.

It has been said that Multnomah is to force the issue by taking the matter into her courts; but we have no desire to leave the thing to Multnomah; the discreditable thing was born there and is likely to be fostered along the same lines that inspired its creation,

a menace that can be obliterated only by Clatsop taking the lead and doing it in such shape as to leave no possible doubt of her exact attitude on the question, and the merit and justice of her conclusions.

At all events, the people want some assurance that the issue is not being abandoned nor treated with indifference; they are willing to put up an honest and thorough fight, to the last resort of judgment, and they want something done that shall show we are in earnest.

MAY BE AVERTED.

The news of the hour indicates a recession of the railway strike, and the possibility of its abandonment. This is gratifying to all concerned; to the men, because it shows that they are to get something compensating to appease their demands; to the railways, because it spares them the tremendous loss incident to such a tie-up, and to the people at large in warding off the frightful inconvenience and deprivations certain to attach to such an invasion of the business of the country. The whole thing contributing most to the good of the roads which are not in any position to meet the rigors of the strike.

We are of the opinion the fundamental cause of the lapse of the strike is due to the last named reason. The railways are not in good odor in this country just now; the legislative overhauling they have had at the hands of Congress and the various legislatures, has revealed many things the people merely suspected before, as facts, that make against the combines in a fashion that puts public sympathy far beyond their reach at this time.

At all events it is welcome news and its verification will be hailed with gladness from one end of the nation to the other. At the same time it compels the recognition of the great fact that the Unions are in the saddle with a far firmer seat than they have held before.

EDITORIAL BALAD.

In the event of Secretary Taft's nomination as "our gallant standard-bearer" in 1908, it is certain that his enthusiastic supporters will not attempt to tote him through the convention hall on their shoulders.

England proposes to sit tight as an island. It is not afraid that a tunnel under the channel would lead to invasion, but all its patriotic song and story are insular, and national sentiment is a large asset.

A noted American ship-builder says the day is near when liners will cross the Atlantic in four days by means of substituting gas for steam. The international balloon racers will notice that gas is looking up.

Last ear earthquakes wiped out \$300,000,000 worth of property in San Francisco, and \$250,000,000 worth at Valparaiso, and yet no financial panic resulted. These losses are absolute, while those on the stock exchange are subject to recovery.

Ambassador Bryce said some very complimentary things to the New York chamber of Commerce, and did it without revealing the physical secret that Great Britain is fed by the United States.

The spectacle of the United States that peaceful arbitration is a good domestic partnership ought to convince those figety Central American midgets that peaceful arbitration is a godd thing.

Gov. Hughes of New York invites suggestions from the public on the administration of state affairs. Are the people of New York so timid that they wait for an invitation?

The Maine legislature has killed a bill to move the state capitol to Portland. The Augusta folks were able to prove that they kept members in fine physical condition for 47 a week.

Mr. Delmas, a Pacific coast product, had no difficulty in picking up business in New York. Maybe a place can be found in Gotham for the talented Abe Ruef.

A battleship has been planned that derives its power from a byproduct of coal. Already the Dreadnaughts begin to see their speedy finish at the scrap heap.

Some of the Massachusetts grangers may have solved the problem of how to keep the boys on the farm. They drive the cows to pasture with automobiles.

A Bonded Zone For Export.

By LESLIE M. SHAW, Secretary of the United States Treasury.

SUPPOSE instead of a bonded factory, we bond a well defined section of land containing, if you please, several thousand acres. Within this bonded territory all kinds of factories could be built and into this zone all kinds of raw material could be entered WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF DUTY. This port should, of course, contain no dwellings. I would allow free coal and every other element of manufacture EXCEPTING LABOR to be entered free.

In other words, this free port should be a great consumer of American labor, the product of which, under the most encouraging conditions, should be for export AND FOR EXPORT ONLY. If it was removed from the port for the purpose of DOMESTIC consumption it should pay the same duty as if imported from abroad. I do not see wherein the American people could be harmed by such a policy, and it would result in furnishing employment to those who choose to live beneath our flag, consume our products and work AT THE AMERICAN SCALE OF WAGES.

All New England would be benefited by such a port somewhere on the north Atlantic coast. A similar port should be established in the vicinity of Norfolk and another on the gulf.

It will take time to develop the thought, but it is in absolute harmony with the present bonded warehouse, bonded factory and drawback policy, and we have the example in the free ports of Germany.

America's Prosperity Is Overwhelming Her.

By JACOB H. SCHIFF, Multimillionaire New York Banker.

THE conditions in which we find ourselves at present appear much misunderstood, particularly in Europe. It is a fact that we are suffering from AN EXCESS OF PROSPERITY which is simply overwhelming us. Our industries cannot find labor with which to master the orders pouring in upon them. Our railroads are in need of equipment and ADDITIONAL FACILITIES to handle the immense business of the country, and the banks can only furnish part of the working capital with which to do the UNPRECEDENTED COMMERCE which has developed.

Last year Texas raised 4,000,000 bales of cotton, which sold for \$200,000,000, that it raise more cotton, whatever it may think of the rest of the advice.

Prudence being the better part of valor, President Bonilla of Honduras, has practically surrendered the rule.

The early months of 1907 will be remembered for introducing the novelty of a panic without failures.

DISARMAMENT.

To Be Discussed at the Hague Peace Conference. A Solution Sought.

ROME, April 4.—There is practically no doubt in well informed and industrial circles here that the discussion of limitation of expenditures for armaments will be taken up at the Hague peace conference and that Germany will voice no objection. There is growing skepticism, however, as to the practical result that maybe obtained.

Cautious negotiations are proceeding between the powers concerned in an endeavor to find a formula for the presentation of the matter which all can adopt. While the humanitarian advantages of disarmament are generally conceded, it is not seen here how the limitation of expenditure can be applied without operating in favor of those powers that have already reached the maximum in the matter of armaments.

GREATEST IN HISTORY.

NEW YORK, April 4.—That the month just ended is the greatest recorded in the history of appraised merchandise at this port is announced by E. S. Fowler, appraiser of the port, who has made public figures showing that goods valued at \$86,681,523, has been passed, \$7,000,000 ahead of March, 1906.

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GREGG GETS DECISION.

Indian Pugilist Of Spokane Wins From Milwaukee Man. INDIANAPOLIS, April 4.—Indian Joe Gregg of Spokane Wn. got the decision over Joe Dougherty, of Milwaukee, at the end of a ten round fight here tonight. Gregg seemed to have the advantage over his opponent in all but the last round when Dougherty forced the fighting.

Gymnastics alone can never give that elasticity, ease and graceful figure which comes by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Frank Hart.

IRELAND DEPOPULATED.

United States Popular With the Irish Emigrants Home Country Reverse.

LONDON, April 4.—A parliamentary paper shows that emigration depleted the population of Ireland last year to the extent of 35,918 persons, this being 8.2 per 1000 of the entire population. The United States continues to be the Irish Mecca having received last year 76 per cent of the emigration since 1857. It is pointed out by this paper that 4,110,000 persons have emigrated from Ireland to various countries, and that this number equals 93 per cent of the present population of the country.

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SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER.

DEBILITY.

Many people who talk to me say: "I feel half sick all the time. I don't just know what's the matter with me." This is general debility. It's very common. People who get in this shape have my sympathy. They aren't sick enough for bed so they drag around and their families get exasperated with them.

There are two causes for this condition; bad habits and a weak stomach. By bad habits I mean eating irregularly and too fast and not chewing the food thoroughly. The stomach gives out and loss of appetite, biliousness, constipation, and general debility result. First get the stomach in shape and then be more careful in the future, and the worn out, despondent, half sick feeling will be a thing of the past.

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