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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho.—Showers.

THE NEW SEASON.

Inquiry on all sides elicits the fact that Astoria enters her new fishing season with the brightest hopes for its wisest and richest results. There are, apparently, no natural, nor artificial, barriers to a successful issue in August and no diminution in the scope of preparation and engagement for the work and investment necessary.

This is as it should be, and while things afloat are rushing along satisfactorily, things ashore will meet them at the dividing line and both will work to the common good through the prime days of the summer. Astoria is alight and "damned be he who first re-nigs" etc., etc.

Faith is the leading motive behind all progress, and there is plenty and to spare of that commodity around here just now. Behind this are the promises inherent in the actualities presented by James J. Hill and his fame as a builder and exploiter of districts wherein he buys, and to this wholesome predicate is due the new lease of life and hope suffusing this whole country-side. It is sure and sufficient and not only Astorians are looking to it, but thousands of others with eyes always turned to the best prospects to be had.

Astoria is all right and time will prove it. Time does all things for us!

QUIETLY FORGING AHEAD.

Astoria has emerged from the desultory regimen that prevailed here through the past few years and is quietly forging to the front.

The year 1907 is to be a time-mark in her history that will be very cheerfully adverted to in days to come and the proof will not be wanting to amply qualify and maintain the boast. There is a current of real fact and assurance setting in about here that means a vast deal for the whole community, if it is but directed and conserved to the larger elements of success and not bound and hampered to meet the private energies and peculiar wants of persons and cliques. These must be bent to the trend of communal good and made subservient to the popular needs, coalescing with the gradual unfolding of the larger schemes that promises general good.

This spirit is growing into conviction here and will contribute immensely to the measure of development. The gift of knowing when and how to wait, and what to do while waiting, are essentials of vital value and they are being studied and applied here now, with every indication of realization, and before many years have passed, Astoria will know the sum of worth bound up in such a course. She is chucking the old skin of dubious indifference and rising to her destiny in wide-awake style. Don't stop her, anybody!

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.

The policy of federal intervention in the larger affairs of quasi-public importance and interest, has proven its timeliness and efficacy in the happy issue of the threatened railway strike, whereby millions of money and months of feverish and dubious conflict have

been safely side-tracked. It were well to cultivate the policy, if only to show the influence of the greatest of all our influences in the lesser affairs of the nation. Nor is it to be deprecated on the score of its becoming part of the subsequent code of procedure, for what of peace and safety and prevention it has contributed to the people at large, does but accentuate its value in determining its extraordinary relation to everything susceptible of popular interest. Government, as a cult, is most valuable as it becomes intimate in its sphere and serves its purpose more fully in dealing with matters supposedly unconnected with it. It is of the people, and the wider its service, the more it is regarded as a reliance and a necessity; a feature that cannot be denied to those who set it up and keep it in motion for their own good. We believe in, and endorse the rule of governmental interference in all things that concern the governed.

A GIANT CONTEST.

The Thaw case in New York has reached its climax. The contest has narrowed down to the big men representing the prosecution and the defense, Jerome and Delmas are pitted and the world stands awaiting the issue as it shall be sent out to the jury. The case certainly presents enough, and varied, phases to invoke the utmost of the wonderful capacity of each man engaged in the legal contest, and affords some peculiar features never quite paralleled in criminology before. It is unique in nastiness, the nastiness resting in quarters supposedly clean and honorable. It is a disgrace to human society in many ways and is a sharp indication of the silted rottenness that overlies the boasted purity of lives conceded free of such debauched and foul conditions.

If wealth, culture, the largesse of fortune surroundings, yield no more than has been extracted from the Thaw case, then, indeed, we may look with fear and trembling to the future of America and re-read, with abounding interest, the story of the crusade of vice and lust that threw the Roman empire into the dust. It is enough to make men think wisely and deeply, and discount for the future, the shams that gloss our best, and hide our worst, social presentments.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Pittsburgh's Chamber of Commerce set out to find fifty righteous men (some people are ever ready to bet their entire fortune on deuces) and could only dig up twenty-eight. Neighbor, we'll gladly lend you a million to select from, but don't let yourself be led into such reckless boasting in future.

Such bitter antagonism exists between the Western Union and Postal telegraph companies that when one raises its rates the other does it simultaneously. While the public's business is transacted over the wire their own is done by telepathy. Such jealousies that makes them cut rates up.

A million dollars was spent on Easter lilies in New York, not to speak of the millions that went for roses and other flowers. We cannot deny the charge brought by Milwaukee—we are a tribe of thoughtless spenders. Think of all the bock beer that money would have bought.

The Russian Government is preparing to dissolve the Duma. Its members really had the temerity to ask for participation in the government, and that wasn't what it was called together for at all. Freedom is the last thing Russia means to grant to the people.

The W. C. T. U., of Oyster Bay, Long Island, complains that a deliberate effort was made to attract against the demon rum by interpolation from their terrible battle ting talk about this trivial affair between the President and Mr. Harriman.

The President is doing, not explaining. That's a hopeful sign of strength. Get a man explaining some and you only have to give him a little shove to land him on the mourners bench.

Jerry McManus Tolstoy: Indeed, yes. It is decidedly an evil omen to have your automobile run into by an express train at a grade crossing, on Friday the 13th.

Ten thousand painters are out on a strike in New York. That means, among other things, that our new Spring suits are safe as long as they can stay out.

The Evil of Railroad Rebates



...By... WILLIAM J. GAYNOR, Justice of the New York Supreme Court.

THE effect of wealth, provided it be acquired on equal terms of competition—that is to say, without the favor, connivance OR DISCRIMINATION of government or the aid of statutes—cannot be pernicious to republican institutions, but, on the contrary, tends to the healthy activity, welfare and happiness of the community and hence to the PERPETUITY of such institutions.

There is no danger of the confiscation of private property in this country any more than in England. But the acquisition of private property by the dishonest use of public franchises and the aid of cunning statutes is a very different thing. It is more than a menace to our republican institutions. It is fraught with their DESTRUCTION if suffered to continue. The moral odium of it would in the end debase us all, and no debased people can in the nature of things remain a free, self governing people.

It has been difficult to get some people to understand that our railroads are not private roads, but are PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, just as much so as our roads which run alongside of them.

A railroad is not a private monopoly, although we must acknowledge that those in control of our railroads are, in their origin and the very law of their being public highways, subject to the regulation and control of government. Every one may use them on equal terms. Any favoritism in rates is absolutely unlawful AND ALWAYS WAS.

IT IS THE GUILTY RAILROAD OFFICIAL, HOWEVER HIGH, AND EVEN THOUGH HE MAY HAVE ARISEN TO A HIGH PLACE IN THE COUNSELS AND GOVERNMENT OF THE NATION, OR IF HE BE ONLY THE LOCAL STATION AGENT IN THE VILLAGE OR THE LONELIEST PLACE, WHO SHOULD BE PROSECUTED.

This favoritism in freight rates is the greatest crime of our day and generation. To allow one man or set of men to have their freight carried over the public highways at a rate so much lower than that which their rivals in business are charged as to enable them to undersell such rivals AND EVEN DRIVE THEM OUT OF BUSINESS is so heartless and so damnable that we shall be looked back upon by our descendants and by the future historian as a generation lost to moral sense for having suffered such a condition to exist so long.

This favoritism in freight rates has been such a DEEP SEATED abuse that it is not to be eradicated in years. Those who are profiting by it—namely, the few who control our railroads, our iron highways, and then principally the great trusts, and lastly politicians and public men who are in their pay—are not to give up easily such a source of wealth and power.

It is my belief that the GOVERNMENT should appoint the general freight agent of every railroad, and it may have to do so, for he, through his subordinates, could stop the abuse at once.

THE DUTY OF SUCH OFFICIALS WOULD NOT BE TO FIX RATES, BUT TO SEE THAT EVERY ONE PAID THE PRESCRIBED RATE, NO MORE AND NO LESS.

As the Spring develops the inspector with the keen sense of smell gets the scent of oleo and impresseth the exactions of the pure food law upon the sordid restaurateur.

There was Clydes the Silent, and William the Silent, and Theodore the Silent! In time—in time, good gentlemen! 'Tis but a modest prophecy!

President Roosevelt is not in favor of squeezing the water out of existing railroad stocks, but new ones will have to wear raincoats, all right.

It is not believed that Mr. Harriman's late offer of assistance to the President will be seriously considered at the White House.

There are other reasons for a revolution, too. They are talking about putting up the price of ice cream soda.

At Easter we like to believe the janitor is right, that Spring has come, even while our teeth chatter.

Scilian lemon brokers have agreed to abolish rebates. That's all!

Beautiful, snowy, wintry, Spring! Aw! Let's all go fishing!

A Woman Tells How to Relieve Rheumatic Pains.

I have been a great sufferer from the dreadful disease, rheumatism, for a number of years. I have tried many medicines but never got much relief from any of them until two years ago, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I found relief before I had used all of one bottle, but kept on applying it and soon felt like a different woman. Through my advice many of my friends have tried it and can tell you how wonderfully it has worked.—Mrs Sarah A. Cole, 140 S. New St., Dover, Del. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is a liniment. The relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times the cost. It makes rest and sleep possible. For sale by Frank Hart and all leading druggists.

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SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER.

LIVER TROUBLE.

A dull, sluggish liver always brings a full, sluggish feeling to the entire body.

When the liver works properly the blood courses through the body in a bright red stream. When the liver is inactive the blood becomes dull and muddy, and it is full of poisonous matter.

A great many people try to get a fine, clear, pink and white complexion by rubbing things on their faces. They might rub a life time and the same yellow complexion would remain—for the liver causes it. Only bright, red blood brings fine complexions.

Blood loaded with impurities from the liver sends the impurities out through the pores of the skin and turns the skin a brownish yellow.

To get rid of the dull, heavy feeling and muddy, yellow complexion get the liver to working again. Two bottles of Cooper's New Discovery will do this nine times out of ten though sometimes it takes four or five bottles.

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Charles Rogers

Tired Nervous Women Make Unhappy Homes



MRS. NELLIE MAKHAM

MRS. GEO. A. JAMES

A nervous irritable woman, often on the verge of hysterics, is a source of misery to everyone who comes under her influence, and unhappy and miserable herself.

Such women not only drive husbands from home but are wholly unfit to govern children.

The ills of women act like a fire brand upon the nerves, consequently seven-tenths of the nervous prostration, nervous despondency, the "blues", sleeplessness, and nervous irritability of women arise from some organic derangement.

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Proof is monumental that nothing in the world is better for nervous troubles of women than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs. Thousands and thousands of women can testify to this fact.

Mrs. Nellie Makham, of 151 Morgan St., Buffalo, N. Y., writes:—

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"I was a wreck from nervous prostration. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs and today holds the record for the largest number of actual cases of female diseases of any medicine the world has ever known, and thousands of voluntary testimonials are on file in the laboratory at Lynn, Mass., which testify to its wonderful value.

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

I suffered so I did not care what became of me, and my family deprived of my recovery. Physicians failed to help me. I was urged to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I want to tell you that it has entirely cured me. I think it is the finest medicine on earth and I am recommending it to all my friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Geo. A. James, a life long resident of Fredonia, N. Y., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "I was in a terribly run down condition and had nervous prostration caused by female trouble, in fact I had not been well since my children were born. This condition worked on my nerves and I was irritable and miserable. I had tried many remedies without getting much help but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound brought me back to health and strength. It has also carried me safely through the Change of Life. I cannot too strongly recommend your medicine."

Mrs. Pinkham's Invitation to Women.

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to communicate promptly with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. From the symptoms given, the trouble may be located and the quickest and surest way of recovery advised. Out of her vast volume of experience in treating female ills Mrs. Pinkham probably has the very knowledge that will help your case. Her advice is free and always helpful.

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