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**WEATHER.**

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—  
Fair.

**THE GOMPERS DOCTRINE.**

For years it has been the aim of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, to unify the great trades of the country and bring all their elemental strength to bear in one organic craft, in order that the interests of one department of a trade might be made the interest of all the rest and serve the common end of improvement and progress; and he is but now beginning to realize on his fine inspiration. His plan has always had the merit of dignity and if it had been adopted years ago, might have saved millions to the crafts and the businesses of the country, through a wiser and more effective direction of the strike principle.

Gompers, himself, is opposed to patry strikes, and has always striven against them, as immaterial and without lasting effect, and altogether lacking the virtue of impressiveness. He is devoted to the "dignity of labor" and has always maintained that attitude when he was permitted to sway his followers. He believes in a clean-cut cause of action and a weighty and orderly demonstration of adherence to that cause; deprecating always the cheap and tawdry means and ends that have prevailed so long and so disastrously.

His conception of the Federation which he was instrumental in organizing, and which he still dominates, was of this sort: and he has worked hard and long to make labor respect itself and take its proper place in the general scheme of human effort; but like all labor leaders he has had to contend with the blatherskite, the tough, the ignoramus, to whom character, solidarity, scope and intelligent action were as "sounding brass" when cast against the chance for a rough-house demonstration, or a red-flag parade and its concomitants.

His present successful scheme to amalgamate the metal workers of the country into one great body under wise and conservative leadership, will, we hope, bring to light the real essence of his original plan and mark a new era in the cause of both labor and capital. Once the vital source of authority is so placed that it cannot be used by every mutinous whippersnapper with a badge on down the line somewhere, the style and course of strikes will change so radically as to force respect and attention and public sympathy. There are plenty of labor leaders who will stand by him in this task for it is the cardinal hope of all men charged with the custody of the trades and trades-people, to so dignify the objects and personnel as to establish for all time, their right to due, popular consideration in all their engagements, the denial of which, to date, has been wrought by littleness and crass ignorance.

In this, as in all human contests, brains are paramount, and labor must recognize the dominance of them; relegate the ruffian and the fool to the rear rank of its columns and put forward the best balanced men it possesses, at all times and places, to assist in the lofty purposes of such men as Gompers and Mitchell and others of that calibre, before and control its own destinies.

**MUNICIPAL ARTERIES.**

Electric street car lines are the modern municipal arteries that serve the system with the blood of energetic expansion; that reach out and vivify the extremities and utter bound, aries of the city and bring into con-

tinuous and active circulation all the dormant areas. It makes no difference who builds them and carries them on; that is a matter for commercial adjudication, and personal venture and investment. Astoria needs the impetus of many more miles of such agencies and there will never be a more propitious hour for the foregathering of the franchises than this.

It is up to the common council to see that the people are properly safeguarded in the utterance of these valuable privileges; that done, the holders of the privileges should be encouraged, in every conceivable way, to forge ahead with the plants and lines and trust to the certain development that will ensue to cover the initial cost; for the fundamental error of calculating that an electric line must have a territory to build into and a clientele waiting to patronize it, has been exploded far too long to have any weight in argument nowadays; it is the railway line that builds the territory and flourishes from it; the line is the pioneer and the people it draws with it and to it are pioneers only in the sense that they are the first beneficiaries of the road and usually its best friends.

Whoever is to build Astoria's new lines is immaterial to us, so long as they are builded and the suburbs developed; those who wait too long on the venture are liable to regret their short sightedness and unavailingly deprecate their tardiness. For such a departure is impending and the sooner it is taken hold of the sooner will all Astoria respond to the spirit and bolster the enterprise.

We need a belt line along the bay from Tongue Point to the mouth of Young's River; and a crest line on the hills from Coxcomb to Smith's Point, and what of cross section lines may be run to meet the demands as they unfold.

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

A new law in New Hampshire forbids free passes to members of the legislature and state officers, but provides for a transportation contract by which tickets are bought by the state and issued to public officers as a matter of right. The octopus in the granite hills has been stirred up to some purpose.

Russia declines to agree to the proposal of an American syndicate to build a tunnel under Bering strait, so as to give a continuous land passage from America to Asia and Europe. This measure can wait until freight congestion at home is relieved.

In the city of Dainy, turned over by the Russians who built it to Japan, a census shows a population of 22,000, all Japanese or Chinese except 23. The open door is not working there practically to any extent.

Instead of burning so much midnight electricity in an effort to make graphophones cheaper Wizard Edison could enhance his fame by inventing an attachment that would render the price prohibitive.

Many legislators in Missouri go softly on the subject of taxing dogs, and they are usually the same who tinker at a game law until it protects nothing but reckless pot-hunters and illicit dealers.

The soldiers are all in unanimity for peace, but as we go to press the delegates to the conference were still vainly trying to persuade some of the preachers to stop their war talk and get into line.

Seven hundred members of the Wiener Naengeresang Verein are coming from Vienna to sing at President Roosevelt. Serves him right! Serves him quite right!

The semi-mysterious discussion concerning the Diehrichs affair in the Philippines should be held over for somebody's memoirs. We all know what Dewey did and that he did it well.

If ex-Congressman Hearst and ex-Congressman Bryan can't settle it among themselves, they might leave it to that celebrated denaturalized Democrat, John Temple Graves.

A Yale professor has been lecturing on "The Sniff Kiss in Ancient India." This form of salute is little known, but sounds as if it might not be free from microbes.

A scientist says the full moon is 12 times as bright as when at the quarter. It might have been guessed from the inflation once proposed by moon shine financiers.

Science has christened the green wheat bug "toxopetra granum," and the shooting bug will hereafter be known as "dementia Americana."

Nineteen women have been elected to the Finnish Parliament. The Czar thought he had Finland in subjection, but found he was mistaken.

The peace convention goes along

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smoothly, disturbed only at short intervals by the chug of a new battleship hitting the water.

Nearly all of us, including Thaw's lawyers, see where we could have made improvement in the case.

The Thaw jury was not quite talked to death. It escaped with disability.

Illinois will build the ship canal between Chicago and St. Louis if Uncle Sam is backward about it.

**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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