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WEATHER.
Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair.

ASTORIA HAS CLAIMS.
The day has arrived for the filing of Astoria's formal protest against the rank discrimination in favor of Portland in the matter of regular and excursion rates to the seashore points south of this city. She has been exceedingly patient for years and has kept silent rather than interfere with the business of her own independent line; but the change in proprietorship of the A. & C. and its assimilation with the new trunk line on the north, makes it imperative that she voice her complaint quickly and honestly, lest time shall again render the plea nugatory and idle.

There is no sense in the imposition of a four-cent mileage out of this city to points not 20 miles away, when a hundred-mile run and return is given the Portland people, at two cents. The local rates out of here, save such as are involved in the commutation schedules, are full and flat and no concession whatever is made to the thousands and tens of thousands who patronize the line during the season here. It is wrong and this city protests and will continue to protest until some change is made that shows some appreciation of the situation. The sooner Mr. Charlton gets down to business and indicates that Astoria is on the map, the sooner he will placate a whole lot of people.

Astoria has said nothing of this since the property changed hands, on the bare supposition that the new officers would note and remedy the rank discrepancy without any suggestion; but as they are apparently just as far from its consideration, in view of the late announcement of passenger rates we feel that the time has come for declaration and it will not cease until the fates out of this city are put on a basis of fairness and measure up adequately with the westbound scale out of the metropolis. We are not particularizing just now; we are willing to leave it to the gumption and good will of the man at the helm, A. D. Charlton, and we expect to hear from him in palpable shape on this sore subject at an early day.

THE LAW OF COMBINATION.

Year by year the doctrine of combination is being more closely digested by the peoples. Capital and labor are both absorbing the principle to the last useable point and its application is going on at a pace that is astonishing to one who studies the transition closely. It has its virtues, its eccentricities, its dangers; but these will in good time be so adjusted as to force the elimination of extremes and time will show the culminating glory of the creed when it shall be known and employed for whole and common good. It is a principle that is susceptible of enormous growth and its best attributes will not be lost sight of anywhere along its path, but will be segregated and made use of to the peace and glory of the races. Don't try to stop it! It is one of the wonders of the modern world, and is making brand new history for mankind!

THAT MONUMENT TO NYE.

We believe the most lasting monument that can be raised to the memory of such men as "Bill" Nye, is the keeping alive of editions of his works on a scale that will put them in the hands of the people for all time to come. Only a small contingent will ever see a fixed bronze monument, whatsoever it shall be placed, but the books, inimitable and illimitable, broadcast in nation, will be a constant and educative impulse to cherish his memory for

the rich and kindly humor that pervades his every line. Millions of people will quote him whom will never cast an eye on the great tablet that is to be erected to him; he lives in his work and his gentle humor will recall him and his quest in life, as nothing else ever can.

THE CLATSOP INSTITUTE.

The annual convention of bright people who act as the trustees of the people in the care and culture of the young, in and for this city and county, has been held, with distinct credit to the profession and advantage to the teachers and their pupils. Such assemblies as these cannot but be of great advantage, and should be encouraged at all times; they are of the salt of things useful and enlightening and contribute immensely to the promotion of many desirable ends, not the least of which is the informing of the common body of the people of just what capable hands are in charge of the children of the community.

HERMANN, NOT GUILTY.

The jury has declared Binger Hermann "not guilty," and the country must take the fat as it comes. We accept it, and in a certain measure feel better for it; as, no doubt, does the ex-Congressman. But we cannot help deprecating the conditions that made the trial necessary, nor the ambiguities of his official life that have been the subject of so much adverse comment from one end of the country to the other for the past 10 years. He has been exonerated and that ends the matter so far as the law goes.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

That Raisul-Bu Hamara merger, with a movement on the Moroccan capital as the object in view, is funny, but they don't look at it that way over there. The bewhiskered brigand and the pretender will no doubt soon announce that they are for Hearst or some Coney Island side show.

"This effort to rehabilitate a delinquent onomasticon is quite in the normal order of things," declares the New York "Evening Post" firmly; and of course the people will have to get along with it so long as everybody can't have a diplocodus.

The St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" likens Harriman's aspirations for Depew's seat in the United States Senate to "a lemon straying into a peach orchard." Evidently the "G.-D." has soured on Harriman.

Mr. Taft, photographed in many climates, invariably wears an expansive smile. In a period of great seriousness, it is something to be always jolly.

A lecturer says American girls are brought up in an aimless way. Were none of their glances ever shot in his direction?

Gasoline is a dangerous servant as well as a bad master. Mr. Edison should hurry up his electric motor vehicle.

Mr. Carnegie is the only one of the Napoleons of business who has not encountered grief of some kind.

Delegates to the peace conference have their difference, and they don't fire blank cartridges, either.

New York's opinion of its subway is best shown by the fact that a dozen more are projected.

Bill Ward says: "The drink you don't get is better for you than the one you do get."

Cured of Rheumatism.

Mr. Wm. Henry of Chatsanooga, Tenn., had rheumatism in his left arm. "The strength seemed to have gone out of the muscles so that it is useless for work," he says. "I applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and wrapped the arm in flannel at night, and to my relief I found that the pain gradually left me and the strength returned. In three weeks the rheumatism had disappeared and has not since returned. If troubled with rheumatism try a few applications of Pain Balm. You are certain to be pleased with the relief which it affords. For sale by Frank Hart, and Leading Druggists.

DECLINE PROPOSITION.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—At an executive meeting tonight of the Metal Workers' Union, the men declined to consider the proposition of a nine-hour day and an advance of five per cent made to them by the Employers' Association, representing 76 firms, but postponed definite action to call a strike to enforce an eight-hour day until next Monday.

Women have decided that in case they cannot vote, they will cut out the "Stork" proposition. Perfectly proper. Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, it is good for most everything. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Frank Hart.

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IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

First Congregational.
Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Seeking a Bride for Another Man." Evening service at 7:30, subject will be one of interest, come and hear it. Sunday school at 12:30; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; mid-week meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services of this church, you will find a welcome, and we will try to do you good. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

First M. E.
Sermon themes, morning, "Redemption"; evening, "The Stress of Business Life and Methods." All other services as usual. A cordial invitation is extended to the public at attend. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

Presbyterian.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "Our Citizenship"; Sabbath school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30, "Chance or Plan?" All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Lutheran Synod.
At the Lutheran Synod church, corner Twenty-ninth and Grand avenue. Morning services at 10:45. English service in the evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday school meets at 9:30 a. m. Theodore P. Neste, pastor.

Norwegian-Danish.
Corner of Duane and Thirty-seventh streets. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Thursday night at 8 prayer meeting. Ladies' Aid Society Saturday, April 27. E. Girling, pastor.

Baptist.
Rev. John Oval, field worker for the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon, will occupy the pulpit at 11 a. m. The Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m. and the Young People at 6:15 p. m.

First Lutheran.
Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30, Miss Alma Nyland, superintendent. Morning service at 10:45; evening service in English at 7:30. Themes for sermons: "The Spirit of Truth"; "Whither Goest Thou?"

German Lutheran.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Mrs. Andrew Young, superintendent. Services in German at 8 o'clock p. m., Rev. Boehner, preaching. A cordial invitation to all.

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