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#### WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair.

#### A UNIFIED COUNTY.

It ought to be thoroughly understood from one end of Clatsop to the other that the progress of each and every community is the explicit and certain business of every other community within the boundaries of Clatsop. There must be no indifferences nor jealousies nor disputes about a single thing that contributes to any locale for the good of one is the good of all and the prosperity of the county cannot be attained on any other principle.

For instance, Seaside is the second place, in point of size and influence in the county, and if she finds she has a task beyond her resources, she must call on Astoria to aid in pushing it through to success and in the same way when Astoria finds the need of the ocean-belt to make for an extraordinary advantage, she will be grateful for such recognition and help as Seaside and all her sister-towns on the Pacific front can give. We cannot, and do not, expect anything, from Portland, except in matters of state import, and the metropolis will away them to her particular advantage (unless, so be, she has some reform underway along this line), and our outer position as a county leaves us largely free to use our own initiative, in fact we are compelled to rely upon it; a reliance that will contribute to our strength and independence and the sense of our own ability to achieve our inherent destinies.

We should be glad to see the Push Club of Seaside, align itself closely with the Astoria Chamber of Commerce for the common purposes of the whole section, since such an affiliation would be immensely advantageous to the two towns and the contiguous country, and the merger would show outsiders that the whole people must be reckoned within the application of new industries and elements of commerce. There are many things of mutual interest that will need adjudication in time and when the hour comes for united, wholesome action, the unanimity of it will be its best strength and most comforting assurance.

#### A QUIET RECORD.

When the new year shall dawn upon the City-by-the-Sea it will be to demonstrate that in the previous twelve months she has quietly contributed the round sum of a half million in improvements to her domain; big, rich, permanent, handsome buildings. It is not a stupendous figure but it shows the trend of the public feeling here; that forward drift that means everything for a city of this size. There will be the court house, the big hotel, the new habitat of the Astoria Savings Bank, the splendid home of the B. P. O. E. and scores of lesser homes and additions, all making good and contributing their share to the spirited declaration in favor of a live community.

And by that time there will be myriads of new projects afoot bearing directly and largely on the future of Astoria and Clatsop county; new departures in business, railroads, steam-er lines; commerce and shipping ventures of all sorts will begin to develop and round out actualities and carry

Astoria well ahead into the swirl of progress.

There is not an intelligent man in this community but knows that Astoria's day is here and that all he and his fellows have to do is to make careful use of the up-lift and apply it sensibly to his own benefit by getting behind the popular push and never taking his shoulder from the ear of progress. We cannot dwell in our shells and expect to participate in the roundup of good things; there must be an unfolding, a letting-go, a loosening-up, and a contributive action, that will prove the communal desire for expansion, and once that is recognized there will be no dearth of enterprises and no lack of means to protect and carry them to fruition.

#### EQUITABLE TREATMENT.

The people of this city, through the Chamber of Commerce, and all other agencies, are going to have equitable rates on river and rail between here and the metropolis. There is not a steamer schedule in existence today that does not discriminate in favor of Portland in the division of the mileage and the cost of passenger service en route. There is nothing fair about it and Astoria has borne it just as long as she can be expected to. The railroad, is perhaps the most flagrant, but the steamer lines are all framed up in the same discriminative way and the need of justifying the rates is as pressing there as elsewhere.

All Astoria asks for is a square deal upon a basis of mileage cost; she does not ask to be made a favored point; she insists on being treated just as well as Portland is treated, and she is going to have it dealt out fairly, or know the reason why. For instance, she is going to have a showdown on the matter of the Rainier rate. Why should it cost \$1.25 from Rainier to Astoria, when it costs but 75 cents from Rainier to Portland, when Rainier is just half way between the two cities? Why must the Astorian pay \$1.00 to travel 36 miles to Seaside and back on a Sunday, when his seat-mate on the train, from Portland pays but \$1.50 to travel 235 miles? These are but samples of the incongruities in all the rate cards now extant in the various services and others will be dealt with from time to time, until we are given a square adjustment of them all. We ask no favors; we insist on equity!

#### EDITORIAL SALAD.

The painters complain that their strike is not being supported. It isn't likely to be as long as Mr. Prosperity is walking delegate.

Political jobs are always represented by plums or persimmons because they are likely to be either bitter or worm-eaten.

Mabelle Gilman promises to become a co-star with Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in matter called news by some papers.

England lopped off \$66,000,000 of its debt in one year. Hub! Must have discharged the royal plumber.

Some men no sooner get their winter overcoats off than they begin to talk of a summer vacation.

The green goods man is busy again in New York streets—he's selling spring vegetables.

A strawberry was seen making its way carefully up Commercial street yesterday.

A Missouri paper says, "As we understand it, Eph Cockrell needn't come back."

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The log railroad is most likely to have the shortage.

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