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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Fair.

THE PORT OF COLUMBIA.

The statement filed with the county court on Wednesday last by the attorneys selected by that tribunal to investigate the status of the wrecked imposition, is fair and full and, we believe, final, as to the adverse conclusions submitted. And we earnestly hope there will be no wavering, nor abandoning of the project to force the measure through the last court in the land.

We again call attention to the trenchant silence of the Oregonian on this fraudulent attempt to swing this people into line for the sole benefit of the metropolis. It is the one convincing fact of the utter humbuggery of the whole thing, for if it had the merit and justice that should attach to so important a law, that paper would be at the shoulder of the thing without lapse or variance.

When this county enters the arena of the law to test the character of the bill, attempt must have the cordial and hearty endorsement of all hands.

SAME OLD STORY.

There is much ado about the fact that ten of Uncle Sam's marines have been badly dealt with by the Cubans at Havana, the police being the scapegoats in the matter; and Washington is stirred up over the case and there is all manner of red tape being unwound, and rewound, and a demonstration will probably be made in behalf of the dignity of the government, etc., etc.

Speaking from an experience of some years in the navy a friend at our elbow suggests that it is the same old story of a gang of drunken men in a port they do not like, and of consequent disorder, with the worst of it coming to the invaders. And we are inclined to believe his deductions are correct.

There is no worse specimen of ribald debauchery known than the American marine when he gets full and wants to make a record. The ordinary drunken sailor is not in it for a moment with the sea-soldier; he has the field absolutely to himself in this ugly premise and cherishes the record more than any other he may make ashore or afloat. And no one knows it better than the government officials who have to deal with him. Of course it is not always his fault, but history proves that the exception is too infinitely rare to avail him anything in the case where it supervenes.

THE PREMIER'S PARTIALITY.

In speaking to his fellow countrymen in London the other day, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, declared that Americans with common sense were flocking into that country on account of the practical and sensible codes of law in operation there and the greater equipt with which they are administered.

This sounds a bit rough on his neighbors and will be resented by many who are really cognizant of the actual facts in the case. That there are any great numbers of Americans swarming over the northern line of this country we doubt seriously; but that those who go there to dwell do find a sound code of laws thoroughly and fairly applied in all cases, goes without saying with those who are conversant with the trend and character of Canadian jurisprudence. The whole English system of law, including the Canadian processes, is famous for its equity and scope and more than famous for its unbiased application irrespective of persons, influences, standing and all extraneous pleas and predicates.

It will be no matter of surprise to find this opinion universal even on this side of the borders, and it is worth the best thought that Americans can give it. We cannot invoke the distinction that rests with the Canadians too fully nor too often.

WHAT OF THE REGATTA?

If Astoria is to indulge her friends abroad with a regatta this year, it is quite time the initial steps were taken; and it is equally imperative that the contrary be made known in order that the people may know what to do and what to expect, in the premises. It might be well for the committee still in charge of this matter to call a public meeting and take the popular estimate as conclusive argument for, or against, the festival; and ascertain if there is any alternative idea that will serve in its stead for this season. The Astoria regatta is quite an institution and not easily forgotten by those from the outside who have enjoyed the celebrations in the past and as the issue is one of far-reaching effect, it should be decided at once in order that those charged with its fulfillment be allowed ample time in which to prepare for it, or such other scheme as is to supplant it this year.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

In speaking of Arbor Day the governor of Connecticut says: "The teachers of our schools are urged to impress upon their pupils the lesson suggested by this proclamation, and to stimulate in them a love of our song birds. The kindness to bird and animal is akin to love to humankind." This talk is better than some of the political sort.

Mr. Gladstone predicted that by the end of the present century the United States would have a population of 600,000,000 and be more prosperous on account of the increase. If that many people can govern themselves successfully the rest will be likely to ask to hitch on, or follow the example.

Following the recommendations of the national peace congress for the immediate reduction of armaments, the authorities of New York propose to enforce the law against totting a gun.

Japan has decided to build a 22,000-ton battleship and Russia one of 22,250 tons. The extra weight is well enough, but straight shooting won the battle in the Sea of Japan.

For going down in the Panama zone with the big stick, the Monroe doctrine and a spade Mr. Olney accuses Uncle Sam of trying to be the "mandatory of civilization."

The Daughters of the American Revolution did not participate in the banquets of the national peace conference. They stopped at the souvenir counter.

The country will find out this year what happens to a fruit crop when a tropical March is followed by a hyperborean April.

Congressman Tanney says the isthmian canal can be built in five years. This sort of talk from a watchdog of the treasury is encouraging.

In deciding the question, "What is a Democrat?" the alienists will have another disagreeable duty to perform.

IF YOU DON'T

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COUNTY COURT STILL GRINDS AWAY

LOT OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS TRANSACTED — ROAD MATTERS ARE GIVEN ATTENTION — CONTRACTS ARE LET.

The county court continued its labors yesterday with all members present.

The county clerk was instructed to draw warrants on court house fund in favor of Hastie & Dugan, upon filing of certificate of Superintendent Palmberg that the work was finished as per contract.

John A. Montgomery, contractor for heating of the court house showed that he had on hand and furnished material to the amount of \$1000, and ordered that a warrant for that sum be drawn on the court house fund.

Petition for an election to be held by Seaside precinct on local option was received and the court ordered that an election be held on June 3rd to settle the matter.

John Larsen was awarded the contract for building a bridge and clearing and grading 44 rods of road between Elsie and Grand Rapids for \$150.

The report of Roadmaster Bartholomew was read and ordered filed.

The report of viewers on the road petitioned for by Willis Hartell and others was read the first time and will come up for final action today.

The resignation of William Hartell as road supervisor for district No. 4 was accepted and J. W. Johnson appointed to fill the vacancy.

C. Hunt, supervisor of road district No. 9 was instructed to purchase lumber from the local mill at a price not to exceed \$12 per thousand and repair the roadway to the dock at Svensen.

The clerk was instructed to advise James Jamieson, supervisor of road district No. 15, not to spend any money on new work until the present contracts are checked up and advised as to the amount of money available.

The clerk was instructed to communicate with A. W. Duncan, of Seaside, asking him if he will rebuild a bridge on the Elk creek road known as the Cedar bridge and strengthen the other bridges as talked over with the roadmaster and notify the court.

The roadmaster was instructed to have the road to Nehalem improved to the extent of making it more passable for summer travel.

C. G. Ross, supervisor of road district No. 10, was instructed to receive bids for furnishing and hauling gravel on the road near Knappa and forward same to the court.

SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER.

CHRONIC CRANKS.

We all have met people who are continually kicking. Life seems a terrible thing to them. They seldom smile. Something dreadful is going to happen, nothing is ever just right, and they worry and fret and complain from morning till night.



MR. J. E. SMOCK.

Their trouble seems to be just a bad disposition but this is seldom so. In most cases there is one of two things the matter with them; either their nerves or their digestion is responsible. Both come from the same thing—stomach trouble. A man or woman whose nerves are tied in knots is bound to be a mighty poor company. The same thing is true if what they eat don't digest properly. No wonder they grumble, I don't blame them. I have seen Cooper's New Discovery change the whole disposition of people in a month's time simply by getting their stomach in shape again. Even the expression on their faces was altogether different. The worried, tired, fretful look changed to a peaceful happy expression, and the lines of care disappeared altogether. Many people tell me about this in letters. They seem to think it a miracle. It is not. It's just the stomach working again.

Here's a case of this kind: "I suffered with my stomach for thirteen years. Nothing I ate seemed to digest. I also had chronic constipation, and was tired, dull, irritable and dependent all the time. I found it difficult to attend to my duties as traction agent at this place. "Six different doctors treated me and all gave different opinions." "I began taking Cooper's New Discovery, and to my surprise it helped me from the first. I have gained ten pounds in three weeks and am feeling fine. My work now is a pleasure, where before it was drudgery." J. R. Snook, Cicero, Indiana.

We sell the Cooper medicines. Charles Rogers Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month, delivered by carrier.

WARRENTON ITEMS OF INTEREST

DAMAGE DONE BY RECENT FIRE TOGETHER WITH COMING AND GOING OF PROMINENT PEOPLE

WARRENTON, Or., May 2.—The passengers from here to Astoria yesterday returned heavily laden with parcels. Miss Case, Miss Ellis, the Misses Townsend, Miss Cora Macoon, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. H. Lee, Mrs. W. Warren and George W. Warren were among those who crossed and re-crossed Young's Bay.

Mr. I. Stanton, the A. & C. R. depot agent at this place, together with his wife returned from an extensive trip through the eastern states. The cordial welcome accorded them by their local friends proves their popularity in Warrenton.

In addition to his railroad appointment, Mr. Stanton holds the position of city auditor and police judge of Warrenton. He commences his regular routine of business today.

After their two past successful games, the Warrenton baseball club are feeling deservedly proud. Next Sunday they hope to give their supporters a special treat at home. Seaside team will come here to attempt to regain the laurels and that splendid combination of players, the East Portland Greys have declared their intention of matching their skill against the prowess of our boys on the same afternoon. A double header is therefore the program for the day. It is anticipated that the number of spectators on this occasion will eclipse all records. Everything points to an exciting afternoon's sport.

It is difficult to ascertain the full loss incurred by the Japanese in the recent fire which totally destroyed the bunk house. However, their foreman, after careful inquiry, says that the cash (mainly paper currency) destroyed amounted in all to over \$2300. The value of the clothing, jewelry and other personal effects together with provisions, furniture, etc., burned is supposed to be over \$1500. The buildings cost the Old Oregon Mills something like \$2300, only a portion of which amount will be recovered from the fire insurance company.

All available employes from the Old Oregon Mills have been assisting in the erection of a new building.

It's too bad to see people who go from day to day suffering with physical weakness, when Rocky Mountain Tea or Tablets 35 cents. Frank Hart.

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