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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho— Occasional rain.

The Coastward Trend.

It is worth one's while to carefully note the trend of all manner of investment, trade and settlement toward the coast of Oregon. The valleys and plains have been the Mecca of the man with money and energy during the years that have gone, and the coast country has been held to be uninviting and profitless.

Clatsop, Tillamook, Coos, are among the principal objectives of the new development and the pressure grows stronger, more plainly perceptible, day by day. It is not realized in the empire that lies to the eastward of the Coast Range, but we of the slope see it with glad eyes and count it among the tremendous assets of the district and the day.

A Billion in Improvement.

The railway interests of America are to spend a billion of money in the immediate future, for the rehabilitation, expansion and betterment of their vast properties and in the building of new systems. This sounds like the things in Congress and in recent proceedings of the chambers of commerce were having a good effect. We are infinitely glad of it on the score of the great lines themselves as well as their enormous clientele and the good name of the country, for things were getting into a slough of neglect and cloud of misrepute until the legal and civic forces of the country compelled the owning companies to sit up and take notice.

The Baby Prince.

At last the fabled stork has deposited the long-for babe in the old palace at Madrid and the world of Spain is agog with a delirium of feudal joy and love. A royal heir has been borne to the decayed old throne and the happy young people whom destiny has cast upon it, are infinitely proud and pleased as all healthy young parents should be.

youngster is a hearty, healthy, normal little chap, that looks like his mother and bids fair to weather the vicissitudes of infancy and childhood and pass to his rightful place and status in the nomenclature of human life and action.

The pomp, circumstance and mannerisms of court have been exploited to the limit in the matter of his coming, as was to have been expected in the sleepy old realm of the Grandees, but we Americans gauge the whole affair as among the ordinary events of the swift and busy day and can hardly understand the call for wild and long-drawn hubbub such as is afoot through out Spain today.

A Lesson in Thrift.

There is in this city an attractive little home, the dear possession of a young couple who, by long-drawn, patient thrift, have gathered the main timbers and solid elements of the structure, from the tides that swept by their home lot twice a day for the past two years. Piece by piece the strong and serviceable materials have been gathered, dried, fashioned and put in place, until the substance of the home was bulged, and then with meagre outlay, they purchased the shingles, the weather-boarding, the blinds, and the outer embellishments, and skillfully wove them into the completed habitat, and today they are living in marked comfort, with a prideful sense of their own honest achievement.

It is perfectly needless to say that these people are foreigners, for the American who would devote his time and energy along such lines is not yet born, and when he is he will swap something for the readier stuff and exchange his labor with that of a neighbor for the building of it. But all the same, all race characteristics aside, this little home in Astoria stands for an expression of devoted prudence and foresight that is almost without parallel.

Editorial Salad. In Vienna the workmen in the municipal-owned gas plants receive 50 cents per day. With full understanding of all the conditions of the business it may be found that municipal ownership of the gas meters will be found most satisfactory in this country.

Mining development in the newspapers always is a little in advance of mining development under ground, owing in part to the superior enterprise of the average newspaper and in part to the superior glibness of gab by the average promoter.

The unexpected death of Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) will be regretted by every American. His stories were lovable, like the man, and made a little better by invoking the tenderest sympathies.

England will pay an ordinary compliment to the intelligence of her eastern ally if the ban on "The Mikado" is removed. Bill Ward says: "You don't know as much when you are through sometimes as you thought you did before you started."

IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

Presbyterian. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "Can We Trust Anybody or Anything?" Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00; evening worship, 8:00, "Christianity As An Investment." All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Baptist. Rev. C. L. Owen will conduct the services. The morning service will close with a communion service. The members of the church will meet for important business following this service. Everybody welcome.

Congregational. Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject, "Deceit and Difficulties" (a study of life in an ancient home.) Evening service at 8 o'clock, subject, "Humanity's Champion" (an Ascension study.) Sunday school at 12:20; Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m. Midweek meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. We desire the attendance of all Congregationalists either resident or visiting in the city. All who have no church affiliation will find a hearty welcome, and are cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

First M. E. Sermon themes, morning, "The Triumphs of Enthusiasm." Evening, "The Church Not Abreast of Scientific Advance"—the third reason suggested as to why more men are not actively interested in church work. The other services are as follows: Class meeting at 10:15 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:15 p. m.; Epworth League at 7:00 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. C. C. Barick, pastor.

Grace Episcopal. Sunday after Ascension, May 12th. Morning and evening services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Holy Innocents' Chapel. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; Evensong and sermon, 3:30 p. m.

First Lutheran. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor. Sunday school, always in English, at 9:30 a. m. Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent. Morning service at 10:45, theme for sermon, "Modern Persecution"; evening service always in English, at 8 o'clock; theme for sermon, "A Man's Worth." All are cordially invited to attend. Sunday school at the German Lutheran church also in English at 9:30 a. m. Mrs. Andrew Young, superintendent. Service there in German at 3 o'clock p. m., preaching by the Rev. Mr. Boehner.

Good Words for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. People everywhere take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING.

Annual Election of Officers Held in Red Men's Hall. The Astoria Women's Club held its annual election of officers in the Red Men's Hall yesterday afternoon at 2:30. The reports of the retiring officers were read and the work accomplished by the club during the past year is to be commended.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. S. K. Diebel; vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Grakke; recording secretary, Mrs. Ora N. Baker; treasurer, Mrs. H. S. Henderson; directors, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, Mrs. C. L. Huston and Mrs. A. B. Estes.

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