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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Probably
fair except showers along north
coast; cooler except near coast.

A PRESSING DUTY.

It is absolutely essential that the port of Astoria be ably represented at the meeting of the International Sailing-Ship Owners' Association which convenes at Paris, France, June 10-15, next. The British shipowners have just concluded a convention in London, and the Port of Portland was vouchered for there by E. W. Wright, of the Portland Oregonian, and it goes without saying that he lost no opportunity to rip-up this end of the Columbia situation with the swiftness and master mariners of the "light little isle."

Someone intimately acquainted with the entire history of the Columbia River-Astoria-Portland maritime controversy, should be sent on to Paris to make a detailed exposition of the exact status of the whole thing and lay the plea of Astoria's harbor and its immense advantages of time, distances and marine charges, before the greatest body of people interested in such matters, in the world. It may cost a thousand dollars to do this necessary work, but what is a thousand dollars in comparison with the final awakening of this tremendous interest in behalf of this port? Whoever goes on the errand should be equipped with irreproachable guarantees as a representative; with maps, plans and charts of the most authentic sort and all the addenda that shall figure consummately in such a presentation, as well as communal authority, sealed through the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, to arrange and close all stipulations and agreements incident to such concessions as may be granted the port and its harbor in the premises.

It is no small task, and should be assigned to an able and courageous man whose personal interest and future is intimately woven with that of the city. There are several such men here who have the time to devote to this thing and it will be of undoubted advantage to all concerned if the matter is broached and despatched without loss of time. Whosoever is selected for the mission will just about have time to get his data together and reach the French capital in season to meet the Association, and as no time is to be lost, it were well to call a special session of the Chamber and decide the matter. Just for a starter, the Astorian begs to nominate Mr. G. Wingate, of this city; and there are several others of his ilk and fitness that might be named with distinct credit to the assignment and its grave importance to the Port of Astoria.

In default of such a proceeding, the Astorian begs to further move that the big assembly of owners and masters alluded to, be supplied with specific data covering the matters suggested, in such form and quantity as will invest it with every conspicuous attribute attaching to the harbor, its bar, and services, in behalf of the alternative case that these men shall come to know definitely just what they are overlooking when they turn to Portland.

THE PASSION FOR SPEED.

The passion for high speed in every direction of public service, with Americans, is rapidly becoming a menacing madness, and unless it is successfully met by the transportation companies with an inviolate degree of safety, or the demand is moderated by the traveling hosts, the scheme of methodical movement of people between given points and territories, will soon become one vast hazard, the limits of

which will be measured by the volume of travel itself.

A good deal of unjust criticism is vented upon the railway lines for the scope and frequency of fatal accidents. Modern rail lines are splendidly constructed, and are equipped with myriads of potential devices for the safety of mankind under all circumstances of travel, but they cannot, by any human ingenuity, overcome the vital risk attaching to the sole responsibility of the individual servant who neglects, or forgets, or mis-serves the one especial duty that is his; and the consensus of judgment leads back to this inevitable source, in nine accidents out of ten. For this single and important element of service the companies may pay the top price of wage and surround the performance of the specific task with every safeguard known to the trained intelligence of the day, and yet the unfortunate lapse is bound to assert itself, with all the attending horrors of death and disfigurement and maiming. When the perfect human shall make his debut on this troubled sphere, perhaps the era of exemption from these disasters will dawn and progress to the summit of absolute freedom; in the meantime, if the traveling world will have the top limit of speed in all its peripatations, it must take it with the full percentage of peril attaching.

ASTORIA'S BEST HOPE.

Each recurring season in the great salmon fisheries at the mouth of the Columbia river brings its fatal percentages to figure in the grand totals that go to make up the current histories of the industry, in the deaths by drowning, of from half a score, to scores, of good men, and the dismal record of 1907 has been opened by the unhappy accident of Monday last when Carl Junttila and William Jarvi laid down their lives in the surf at Sand Island.

It is almost beyond hope or reason that several thousand men should be engaged in this hazardous work day and night for a period of several months, with all the variations of wind and weather and sea, without the attendant harvest of loss, and we would like to see the day when the business is so improved that the embargo of death will be removed to a degree that will make the casualty the exception rather than the rule.

The inventive genius of mankind is everlastingly at work in this behalf; there is no day dawns that some clever mind does not produce some health and life-saving device, or plan of operations, and the fisheries hold their quota of bright and devoted brains so employed, and from this element the surcease may be looked for.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The stock market manages to get along fairly well in the absence of John W. Gates.

That kind of a boat has sung its swan song on the lakes in Central Park.

An actor at the fair really requires the salary the press agent mentioned.

How would you like to be the tailor, with stacks of unsold springs suits?

The iceman feels that he surely will be struck out if he goes to bat.

By the bye, which is on trial, the President or Moyer and Haywood?

Hope the longshoremen's strike will not spread inland.

For the actors' fund the actors have fun.

It is still sprinkling a few bad crop reports.

Another week of sport light for Mr. Corey.

It's a long time between snows.

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If the Tree Falls, What Becomes of the Ivy

We hear a great deal about the modern girl developing mannishness, independence, and losing her femininity. A great many people are much alarmed because girls are not trained, as formerly, in womanly gentleness.

It is a beautiful figure of speech to describe the feminine character as the ivy which clings to the masculine oak for support, and in return covers and beautifies its hideous knots and scars. But, if the oak falls, what becomes of the ivy?

There is too much of this ivy clinging and beautifying idea in training girls. They should be taught that it is just as necessary to be independent, to be self-supporting, as to be able to cling and beautify. In other words, they ought to be able to stand alone if the tree falls, and not go down with it.—(O. S. Marden in "Success Magazine.")

DOWAGER EMPRESS.

Misunderstood by Russia—Longs for Her Native Land.

COPENHAGEN, May 15.—The Dowager Empress of Russia recently gave an audience to Betty Nansen, the Danish actress. The dowager Empress declared Emperor Nicholas and the Imperial family loved their native people. She said, she said, always been misunderstood by the Russians, and it wished it were possible that the remaining years of her life be spent in Denmark.

GOOD NEWS.

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