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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Wash-
ington—Fair.

BAR-ROOM ETHICS.

A convivial Portlander insisted on shaking hands with a Burnside-street saloonist; and was beaten to death for his pains, on Wednesday night last, and the incident goes on record as an illustration of the danger of transgressing the ethical code of the "perfess" as set up and maintained by the metropolitan artists. Down here in Astoria the boys are not so particular, and a cordial handshake goes under almost any circumstances at any old time; this accounts, in a large measure, for Astoria's immunity from the gross crime that is becoming far too frequent up the river. The rigidity of the bar-room ethics up there must be eased off a bit, or the bibulously inclined will have to resort to a long-distance tube for the transmission of his drinks to a point beyond the pale of the saloon where he is likely to be shot up for some unconscious fracture of the polite forms insisted upon in that man's town. Liquor is a dangerous thing at best and if this new hazard is to be set up, the sooner we abandon the habit, the better for all concerned. We are interested in the case, and particularly as to what weight such a plea will have at the other bar where even severer codes are known have sway; for if this rule shall prevail to the credit and freedom of the murderer, we shall swear off instantly and take no more chances.

THE TRANSGRESSOR'S WORD.

When Harry Orchard, the self-confessed murderer of Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, entered his formal story of the crime and became known to all men as that horrible thing, a murderer, every grace of manhood fell from him and he stood naked, morally bereft, and utterly undone in the sight of his fallows. He may go on the stand and tell the whole, undeviating truth, from one end of the horrid tale to its pitiless climax, but those that listen will disparage the story and discredit the teller; it is not in human nature to accord a man in his attitude anything approaching honesty; there will always creep in to the mind the conviction that, having been guilty of the worst of all human offenses, the confessing guilty one will distort the record to minimize the penalty, or, in some way, mitigate the frightful narrative, so qualifying it as to save to himself some vague measure of pitiful consideration at the hands of society he has so dreadfully outraged. Only the most searching and applicable running proofs of every detail he presents, as his tale progresses, will satisfy the morbidly distrustful crowd that hears the sworn history of the crime; and, incidentally, the jury in the case, is a proper and actual segment of that crowd.

THE PITY OF IT.

For the first time since the remarkable disclosures of his attitude in regard to the public interests of San Francisco, the world can afford to and, probably does, pity Abraham Ruef, the arch-conspirator and despoiler. His case is one of tremendous scope and involved his last attribute as a real man. He fought desperately and skillfully against the inevitable, for the sake of those to whom he was vitally dear, whose respect he cherished to the last, and for whose peace of mind he strove valiantly. It is the same old story, told, and retold, daily,

almost hourly, in these swift-moving times and yet the margin of kindness, of pity, of hope, still exists for all who feel the impulse, and despite the law, the arch-grace of human gentleness finds room for its best expression. The world at large is not one-half so censorious as its press sometimes indicates in its accumulated strictures, and it is well; because, without it, life would be absolutely barren.

VOLUNTEER STREET CLEANING.

The idea of the merchants doing a bit of volunteer street cleaning along the Commercial street frontages, and on Bond street also, is an excellent thing and will be counted as an apt expression of public spirit on their part and will contribute immensely to the appearance of the city at a season when she ought to look her best. We hope the idea will spread until every thoroughfare in Astoria is under the spell and certain of its twice-a-week sweep. Astoria is naturally a clean place, and what of mud and dust she has, is not of the heart-breaking sort, even at its worst, but the regular elimination of what does accumulate, will be of distinct advantage to all hands and makes a favorable impression upon visitors.

The municipality will probably take a hand in this matter before very long, and when the new sprinkler and the volunteers are steadily at work in this behalf, the change wrought in conditions and appearances will be such as to inspire its perpetuation.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

In his Arbor Day proclamation the governor of Maine says the forests are the greatest heritage of the state. How many of the legislatures in session this year have given the subject of forestry so much as a thought?

After July 1 any 10 cents' worth of postage stamps, in addition to the regular postage, will insure special delivery. Improvement in the postoffice department is welcomed by a large circle of 80,000,000 people.

"Our winter fogs indicate a cold May," says a Missouri weather observer. So do the samples of the month furnished up to this time, thirteen weeks after groundhog day.

Oklahoma seems to have embalmed its proposed constitution when it included an outrageous gerrymander in slaughtered a fair deal can blame themselves for the fizzle.

Notwithstanding her vast wealth, it is hard to understand how Pennsylvania got through the job without putting a mortgage on the new capitol.

It would have been wiser for the New York senate to concede that Governor Hughes is a good judge of an insurance question.

With Uncle Sam holding the purse-strings the Santo Domingo revolutionists have concluded that their occupation is gone.

The balloon line between St. Louis and Washington would have been all right but for the curves in the route.

"Where are your poets?" asks Ambassador Bryce. Don't mention the magazines. Better keep that dark.

It will soon be in order to announce a series of games between the Missouri wets and the Kansas dries.

From the farmers' point of view the green wheat bug is an "undesirable citizen."

There are 45 states, but apparently only four or five for immigration purposes.

A girl who has fallen heir to one of these Rocky Mountain Tea complexions is to be envied. Girls whose mothers and grandmothers took Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea conveyed a blessing on their children.

Frank Hart.

Good Words for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

People everywhere take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Edward Phillips of Barclay, Md., writes: "I wish to tell you that I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My little girl, Catherine, who is two years old, has been taking this remedy whenever she has had a cold since she was two months old. About a month ago I contracted a fearful cold myself, but I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was soon as well as ever." This remedy is for sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

Chicago Making Bids For Both Republican and National Conventions.

CHICAGO, May 16.—A movement to bring to Chicago the national conventions of both the Republican and Democratic parties has been projected by the Chicago Commercial Association. Through the convention committee of the association, the plan will be presented to the national committees of both parties soon.

Charles A. Stevens, chairman of the convention committee of the association, has broached the subject to Roger Sullivan, member from Illinois of the Democratic National Committee and to Colonel Frank O. Lowden, of the Republican National Committee.

It is not understood that the plans have advanced further than this. Mr. Stevens told the committeeman that the commercial association would assure the national committees ample funds to carry out both conventions.

It is expected that Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Lowden will carry the proposition before their respective committees. Meanwhile the commercial association will proceed with further plans for bringing both gatherings to this city.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

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DONE BY DEED.

Philip H. Hadden et ux to Thos. R. Davies and John Chitwood, lot 1, block 137, City of Astoria..... \$10

Marina A. Larsen to C. C. Clarke, N. 1/4 of SE. 1/4 sec. 30 and NW. 1/4 of SW. 1/4 of sec. 29 and lot 3 in sec. 29, T. 4 N., R. 9 W..... 800

U. S. to Alex McKay, N. 1/4 of NE. 1/4 sec. 29, T. 5 N., R. 7 W..... 408

Timber claim receipt Anna T. Smith, E. 1/4 of W. 1/4 sec. 29, T. 5 N., R. 8 W., 160 acres..... 408

Thomas R. Davies et ux to Henr Widekind, lots 27, 28, 29, 30, tract 1, Davis subdivision, block 4, Olney's Astoria..... 10

Theo. Kruse Catering Co. to N. A. Webber, lots 23, 25, 27, block 6, Gearheart Park..... 300

Quit claim A. J. Kinney to J. J. Hamilton, lots 3, 4, 5, 6, T. 6 N., R. 6 W..... 500

M. S. Warren by C. C. Warren his attorney to Lena Warren McDonald, lots 11, 11, block 5, Hay Stack Rock Park..... 150

Aaron T. Bliss et ux to Thomas H. Curtis, S. 1/2 of NW. 1/4, E. 1/2 of SW. 1/4 and S. 1/2 of SE. 1/4, sec. 15, N. 1/2 of NE. 1/4, S. 1/2 of NW. 1/4, N. 1/2 of SW. 1/4 of sec. 22, T. 7 N., R. 6 W..... 1

Relief from Rheumatic Pains.

"I suffered with rheumatism for over two years," says Mr. Rolland Curry, a patrolman, of Key West, Fla. "Sometimes it settled in my knees and lamed me so I could hardly walk, at other times it would be in my feet and hands so I was incapacitated for duty. One night when I was in severe pain and lame from it my wife went to the drug store here and came back with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I was rubbed with it and found the pain had nearly gone during the night. I kept on using it for a little more than two weeks and found that it drove the rheumatism away. I have not had any trouble from that disease for over two months." For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

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