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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain.

A PLAIN STATEMENT.

Day by day public interest in Astoria is centering upon the civic-moral status of the community, and day by day the expressions of the people are becoming uniformly and bitterly, antagonistic to the conditions that have been permitted to attain: For this reason, the Morning Astorian breaks its long silence and enters the field of discussion of these live issues and make the following plain statement.

On the morning after the last municipal election in this city, the Astorian said, editorially, just what it thought and felt in regard to the result of the contest at the polls, using the following terms and figures:

"The people of the City of Astoria have spoken. The Republican ticket and all it stood for, is defeated. Popular opinion in this city is for a wide open town. We rest. We know when we are beaten, and need none of the 'hunches' we are certain to get. But we relinquish no atom of the ground we have taken. The Astorian is for municipal decency, now, and always and will be found right there when the fight comes up again as it is sure to do. It is for the city, now, and evermore, on the best lines that we can ascertain for its safety and progress. Let those rejoice that have cause. We would do the same, and our day is yet to come. We fought for what we held to be the cardinal issue of the hour, and have been turned down in the house of our friends. We bear no malice, we take nothing back, we are undismayed, we have our courage, we have our business, and are going to attend to it. We can look all men in the face with a sense of duty well done and have no apologies to make for our program or our canvas. The people have other ideas than ours and have made them manifest. The people are to be obeyed in all things, and we are the Astoria public's obedient servant today, tomorrow, and so long as our presses are running. We emerge from the contest with a remnant of victory: Mr. James F. Kearney, for superintendent of streets, and Mr. C. Leinenweber, Councilman for the Third Ward, were our nominees, and their election plucks the sting of defeat from the bruises of the rout."

At this juncture it sees no cause for abandoning its declared and warranted conclusions then announced, and makes no departure from that attitude, other than to accentuate and expand it, to meet the growing disfavor with which the people are coming to look upon the results of their victory at that time.

But the Astorian is not going to enter the arena again of its own volition. That would be folly, in the light of the drubbing it took at the hands of "its friends" at that time. It proposes to know what it is doing if it goes into the ring again, and who its backers are; and to this end it declares, here and now, that when twenty-five of the leading business men of this city, shall, unqualifiedly, voluntarily and publicly invite the aid and influence of the Astorian, in behalf of the exact and honest regulation of the agencies for evil in Astoria, it will take the field and fight, as it has always fought, for the decency, cleanliness and moral credit of the city. It is forced to this stand by the ambiguity of the public attitude in the winter of 1905 and the sacrifices it made at that time; the local party that stood for the opening of the town was rankly deceptive as to its real policy during the whole campaign, always denying the ultimate aim for which it stood and fought, the utter throwing down of all barriers against the predominance of the evils that are now warring to its serious discomfiture; and now that the reaction is afoot and that real policy is about to pass all bounds they might have

"High Finance" Is an Ancient Art.

By JAMES B. DILL, Judge of New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals and Authority on Corporation Law.



THE president of the United States in open warfare with the powers of corporate finance, charging that the FINANCIAL POWERS seek to obtain possession of state legislatures, of the national congress and of the judiciary, BY PURCHASE IF NECESSARY, is sufficient to make every citizen stop and ponder.

On the other hand, the position of the apostles of high finance when charged with corporate irregularities that "they move in a HIGHER WORLD into which we (the public) may not enter" is equally startling and calls for the consideration of thinking men.

High finance is not a modern institution, and the term "modern high finance" is a misnomer. Stock watering, withholding of dividends, diversion of capital, the making of false returns, HAVE BEEN KNOWN FOR CENTURIES.

Early in the first century certain gentlemen, imbued with a belief in "community of interests," entered into a pooling agreement, each contributing his property and each to draw his ratable interest.

This agreement they carried out faithfully with a single exception. One of the organizers, endeavoring to put a little water into his share of the enterprise to get for himself SOMETHING FOR NOTHING, sold his property, put a goodly portion of the proceeds in his own pocket and turned the balance into the treasury as the FULL consideration. A public investigation was forthwith ordered.

The original apostle of high finance was arrested, tried and convicted. He was not allowed to decline to answer under the advice of counsel, and therefore the case is reported in full IN TWENTY-ONE LINES. His accomplice, accorded a separate trial, was likewise promptly tried and convicted. For the record of an efficient investigation, a prompt trial, a just conviction and for a sound authority upon the subject of high finance the case of Ananias et Sapphira, reported in Acts v, is in point.

THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS ANCIENT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTIVE TO THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION IN ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

In these days there is no doubt that some corporate financiers do attempt to ascend to a higher world into which the public may not enter, but there is a grave suspicion that the movement higher up is to get rid of OBSERVATION AND INQUIRY as to what is going on in the world of high finance.

IT IS OPENLY ASSERTED THAT THE FINANCIER TODAY WHO CLIMBS JACOB'S LADDER INTO THE CLOUDS DOES SO LESS WITH A VIEW OF COMMUNING WITH THE ANGELS THAN OF AVOIDING PUBLICITY.

set for it, the public lack of confidence in that party will be the chief element of its certain defeat if ever the matter is again adjudicated at the polls of Astoria.

The Astorian does not mind being beaten in any fair, square contest, but it will never be hammered the second time by the same club, and what it shall do and say in the pending resumption of this wretched issue, lies with the leading men of affairs in the city; their attitude in the new premises will be very unequivocal before this paper uses it as a predicate for making the desired fight for a regulated town. We shall watch, with patience, and interest, the progress of the growing alignment against the gross immorality now existing; and at the propitious moment and under the proper auspices, we will take our place in the ranks and put up the fight that will be expected of us.

The pertinent, and most important feature of the present status, is the issue just raised, peremptorily, by Mayor Wise, as to the authority that is to govern in police matters here, the common council or the police commission; and we, along with thousands of others, are anxious to see the thing settled, finally and legally, once and forever; for this is the rock upon which all effort for the good of the city, splits, when the law is invoked. That issue laid, the rest will follow very quickly.

WILL HELP SOME!

We are glad to note that the great flouring mill interests of the north-west, the Portland Flouring Mills Company interests, involving some 15 mills in Washington and Oregon, are about to pass into new corporate hands and that T. B. Wilcox, the representative owner and manipulator in the big deal, is primarily responsible for the negotiation and despatch of the important transfer. We hope further, for the sake of Astoria, that he is not a holding factor in the new line-up and has relinquished his interests altogether, for the reason that he is one of the men of Portland that has, invariably, successfully, and determinedly fought and stifled every project of value and weight that had this city and country within the scope of its effect and advantage. He has fought everything that lay beyond the confines of Multnomah county and the prescriptions of the Wilcox concern and ad-

vantage. There is no large community in Oregon that has not felt the weight of his grasp and the bane of his disfavor, in the distribution of the milling interests as he has ordered them throughout this commonwealth; and his withdrawal from the field will be held by many to be a distinct advantage. It may read something besides "Portland, and Wilcox," from now on.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Gov. Hughes has announced a very plain and sensible platform. He declines to take part in the republican factional fights in New York, refuses to be handled by any presidential clique, and insists upon being governor for all of the people of New York throughout the term to which he was elected. If he shall continue to saw wood in this way the timber inspectors may have something to say to him in 1908.

Through Germany's Kiel canal admits ships drawing 29½ feet, it is to be deepened to 36 feet by the government at a cost of \$55,250,000, which is \$24,000,000 more than 14 feet between St. Louis and Chicago will cost, according to the engineers' proving them moderate.

Canada is enforcing its Sunday laws so that it is hard to buy a Sunday newspaper. The official desires to limit the circulation of Sunday newspapers published in the United States has something to do with the blue law revival across the border.

IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

CHURCHES

First Lutheran.
Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor. Confirmation at 10 o'clock and Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. The following is the program for the exercises in the morning: Organ prelude, Mr. John Olin, organist; Hymn 120, congregation; scripture and prayer; the pastor; quartette, "I Will Arise"; address to the Catechumens, the pastor; Hymn 294, congregation; Catechism; selection, "Lead Us Savior"; choir; The Rites of Confirmation; hymn, "The Lord Is My Shepherd"; Catechumens; announcements; offer-

Home Bargains For Home People

The following are a few of the real bargains listed at my office, awaiting the interest and scrutiny of the man who is after something that will pay him handsomely and promptly, for investment. They are all in the quick-moving class and will not be beyond the purview of re-purchase of this office.

\$2,500—Modern 8-room residence in Uppertown; one block from end of car line, on improved street, and rents for \$25 per month.

\$2,500—Two-story frame building; on half lot; across the street from North Pacific Brewery; a real snap.

\$3,150—Lot 100x100 feet; southwest corner of Twelfth street and Grand avenue; opposite the First Presbyterian Church; genuine bargain.

\$6,500—Four new cottages, built last year, near center of city; rent, \$64 monthly; could not be duplicated for \$10,000; one-half cash, balance in one year at — per cent.

\$11,000—Four new houses; one block from car line in Adair's Astoria; lot 75x150 feet; good house on lot 50x150 on Grand avenue near Eighteenth; large house on lot 50x150 on Astor near Second; an unimproved lot (corner), at Exchange and Fourth streets; total income \$82 per month; this is an income snap, to say nothing of the land.

\$2,850—First-class modern 11-room residence; near center of the city; owners wish to leave; will rent for \$30 per month; \$1,150 cash, balance \$30 per month; worth fully \$3,500.

Our List is alive with similar bargains, and if you don't see anything in our Ad that appeals to you, call at our office.

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atory, organist; Hymn 221:2-5, congregation; benedictamus and benediction. All are cordially invited to attend. Both morning and evening services are in English.

Congregational.

Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject: "Whit-Sunday, and Its Teaching." Evening service at 8 o'clock, subject: "A Revelation of the Heavenly Way." Sunday school at 12:20; Y. P. S. C. E., at 7:00 o'clock; mid-week meeting Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Congregationalists residing or visiting in the city to attend all the services of this church. All who are not connected with other churches will be welcome at all the services. Come with us, we will try to do you good. G. E. Morehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

First M. E.

C. C. Rarick, pastor. Services as follows: Class meeting at 10:15 a. m.; sermon by Dr. Hollingshead, of Portland, at 11:00, followed by sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Sunday school at 12:15 p. m.; Epworth League at 7:00 p. m., followed by a sermon at 8:00, on the subject, "Hypocrites"—the fourth reason suggested as to why more men are not actively interested in church work. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Presbyterian.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "The Law of Increase." Sunday school at 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00. Evening worship at 8:00, subject: "Providence and Large Cannon." All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Grace Episcopal.

Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, 9 a. m.; morning service with sermon and Holy Communion at Grace church at 11 a. m.; Sunday school, evening prayer and sermon, at Holy Innocents, 2:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at Grace church, 7:30 p. m. Offerings throughout the day for missions. John Warren, assistant missionary.

First Lutheran.

Corner Twenty-ninth and Grand avenue. Services as follows: Morning, at 10:45; evening at 8 o'clock. Theo. P. Nette, pastor.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.

Elias Gjerding, pastor. Corner of Thirty-seventh and Duane street. Sunday school at 11 o'clock; preaching by the pastor at 11 morning, and evening at 8 o'clock; prayer meeting every Thursday at 8 p. m. The Scandinavian public are cordially invited to attend.

Baptist.

Regular morning worship at eleven o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Young People's meeting at 6:45 p. m. There will be no evening service until the arrival of the pastor about July 1.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

There is probably no medicine made that is relied upon with more implicit confidence than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. During the third of a century in which it has been in use, people have learned that it is the one remedy that never fails. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take. For sale by Frank Hart, and Leading Druggists.

A SHORT WILL.

Guilford Will Contains Thirty Words Worth \$100,000.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The will of Nathan Guilford, of Yonkers, former vice-President of the New York Central Railroad Company, just filed for probate, is written on a note head and contains about thirty words. He leaves everything to his widow, Mary Wallace Guilford. The estate is estimated to be worth \$100,000.

Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

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