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WEATHER.

Oregon, Idaho, and Eastern Washington—Fair; warmer.

THE UNFALTERING NERVE.

Yesterday's Portland Oregonian, with unfaltering nerve, proceeds to tell what is to be done with, and about, the Port of Columbia law, which goes into effect on the 31st instant, and intimates that what of protest may be in existence as coming from the County of Clatsop, will be quietly and effectively disposed of by means of a friendly suit at law, to test the constitutional status of the law, instituted, and prosecuted, in Portland, and then goes on to say:

"The suit is one of the greatest importance to Portland and Multnomah county as well as the counties of Columbia and Clatsop which would share equally the benefits following the operation of the proposed new system for combining the towage and pilotage services between Astoria and the bar."

We deny that the big question involved will be decided in any such fashion. The interests of this county are not to be swept aside by any off-hand jugglery set up in Portland. When the matter comes to bar it will be found that we know something of our rights down here and have men quite capable of championing them, and a predicate in court quite ample to warrant our being there when the time comes.

We deny that Clatsop County will derive any share of any value from the operation of the law; primarily, because the law is framed to put this city and harbor on the shelf and utterly exclude it from any of the alleged benefits attaching to the law; it is purely, solely, and wholly, a Portland proposition, and was framed with a view to giving absolute control of the shipping interests of the Columbia river, in their every conceivable phase, to the metropolis, and any statement to the contrary, is a bald and barren lie. We use this term advisedly and apply it because of its sane and sensible application in the premise. The bill was never devised with a view to conferring the remotest advantage on this port, but was concocted of Portland, in Portland, for Portland, and has no other aim or agency than the investiture of Portland with the last and best prerogative for the holding of the commerce sent to this river from the wide world; and when our day dawns in court, it will show, if necessary, just how certain this intent is. But we do not believe the issue will go to a point where anything but the rank unconstitutionality of the law will be needed; and that it is rankly defective in this quality, is known at Portland as well as it is here.

And we beg to suggest to the Oregonian that it may take what of comfort it may from the conclusion that Portland has saving recourse to the law of the initiative in the event that it is ousted from the supreme court because of the unconstitutionality of the edict, for that electoral function can hardly supply the status the supreme court shall declared does not exist within the terms of the law.

Oh, no, the Port of Columbia law will be heard from in very conspicuous style, before the Oregonian ceases to sound its virtues, and the test will not come from the "more friendly suit" that is to be set up in the "house of its friends" up the two rivers!

SHATTERED FRIENDSHIP.

Ruef and Schmitz, the erstwhile "Damon and Pythias" of the western American world, are now at daggers-

drawn, and are whelmed with a mutual fear of what of truth the other will tell, when confronted with the law. It is a pitiful sight, and there is a wealth of sardonic humor in it all for those who delight to study the schemes and processes of reprisal.

These men were devoted pals and ardent champions but a short while since, and now they are crouching and warding and fending against the fearful blows each is qualified to deliver the other; and the Pacific world looks on and smilingly awaits the developments that are certain to follow the rupture.

Where is the Pythian magnanimity and forbearance that once hallowed this dear and profound friendship? It is swallowed in the maw of unreasoning fear, and the only sentiment that is left takes on the color of dread, dejection and despair, as the days and hours shift and the course of law runs its rugged and remorseless way, and these men seek its every crevice and cranny that promises an atom of extension or escape, and this quite independent of each other.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

In addition to the ordinary problems of transportation, race suicide and combinations in restraint of trade, the president of a Central American republic has to face the perils of insolvency, pestilence and assassination.

Mr. Hearst says he would have been a Democrat in Jefferson's day and a Republican in Lincoln's time, but is unable to align himself now with either party. The classification "Hearst man" will fit the case.

The best thing that could happen to a polar balloon would be to meander in a circle and settle down near home again. Andre started straight for his destination and was never heard of again.

BRONCHIAL TROUBLES

Readily Yield to Soothing, Healing Treatment of Hy-o-mel.

Bronchial troubles are purely local. They cannot be helped by stomach dosing. They are caused by irritation in the air passages and can be relieved and cured by medicated air alone. In this lies the secret of the great success of Hy-o-mel in the treatment of bronchial troubles.

The Hy-o-mel medication, laden with nature's remedies, is breathed through the neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, reaching every part of the bronchial tubes and killing at once the disease germs. It allays all irritation and heals the inflammation of the mucous membrane with astonishing rapidity.

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The first breath of Hy-o-mel's medicated air seems to soothe the inflammation, stop the cough, and thus relief soon becomes permanent and a cure results.

Hy-o-mel has made many remarkable cures in the worst and most chronic forms of bronchial troubles and is sold by T. F. Laurin with the same guarantee as he gives when Hy-o-mel is purchased for catarrh, that is, to refund the money in case the remedy does not give satisfaction. The complete outfit costs but \$1.00.

Kidney complaint kills more people than any other disease. This is due to the disease being so insidious that it gets a good hold on the system before it is recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent the development of fatal disease if taken in time. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

EARTHQUAKE OBSERVATORY.

ROME, MAY 20.—The seismological observatory erected at Valla di Pompelli, near Naples, at the expense of the pope, was inaugurated yesterday with appropriate ceremonies. Father Arani, delivered an address in which he declared that the observatory was destined to become as celebrated as that of the Vatican.

Disturbed the Congregation.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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muddle has started the public to thinking. The wonderful success that has met Ballard's Horehound Syrup in its crusade on Coughs, Influenza and Bronchitis and all Pulmonary troubles—has started the public to thinking of this wonderful preparation. They are all using it. Join the procession and down with sickness. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

WATERFRONT ITEMS

British Steamer Hyndford Due From Chili Yesterday.

SARK LOADS FOR SHANGHAI

French Bark Bayonne Cleared For Queenstown With Cargo of Wheat—Will Call For Orders At Falmouth or Plymouth—Laying at Sand Island.

The steamer Telegraph brought down 187 passengers on Sunday and made extra good time. After debarking her live and dead freight she started back for Portland with a great billowy foam of white at her heels and a long grey veil of smoke streaming from her stack, for all the world like a fashionable young lady skooting across the street in front of a trolley car.

The French ship Bayonne cleared yesterday. She will call for orders at Queenstown, Falmouth or Plymouth. Her cargo was wheat, and up till late yesterday she was lying at Sand Island waiting a chance to get over the bar.

The Norwegian steamer Sark passed up to Portland yesterday. She is to load wheat for Shanghai. This is a new departure, flour being generally taken, but, hitherto, no wheat.

The British steamer Hyndford was due yesterday from Valparaiso, Chile, via Frisco, on her way to Portland to load for the Orient. She is chartered by Frank Waterhouse & Co.

The steamer Alliance arrived Sunday morning with Governor Chamberlain and his party aboard. She sails again at 7 a. m. today.

Passed out yesterday: the steamer Noma City, the steam schooner Rejondo, and the steamer Columbine.

Lighthouse tender Heather goes to Gray's Harbor to fix two buoys, one of which is a whistler.

Steam schooner Tiverton cleared yesterday. She had a large cargo of lumber for Frisco.

The steamer schooner Northland went up the river to Portland on Sunday morning.

The U. S. E. Geo. H. Mendele is tied up at the foot of Sixth street.

The steamship Asuncion, oil tank, left Portland for Frisco yesterday.

The schooner Irene came up the river yesterday morning.

NIGHTS OF UNREST.

No Sleep, No Rest, No Peace for the Sufferer From Kidney Troubles.

No peace for the kidney sufferer—Pain and distress from morn to night.

Get up with a lame back, Twinges of backache bother you all day.

Dull aching breaks your rest at night.

Urinary disorders add to your misery.

Get at the cause—cure the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills will work the cure.

They're for the kidneys only.

Mrs. E. Schreiber, of 560 High street, Salem, Or., says: "The good reports I have heard concerning Doan's Kidney Pills induced me to procure a supply. I had been suffering from an incessant backache which, not only troubled me through the day but broke my rest at night. I began to feel the effects of Doan's Kidney Pills after I had taken a few doses. Relief speedily came and then an absolute cure. There has been no sign of the backache nor any other symptoms since. I am only too pleased to let others know of such a valuable and effective remedy."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Chas. Rodgers drug store and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Morning Astorian, 50 cents per month, delivered by carrier.

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.

\$2,650—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. We have hundreds of first-class Bargains in unimproved lots, ranging in price from

\$50.00. Up

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