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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Showers.

A POLITICAL JOB.

Advices from Japan indicate very plainly the crux of the insistent, and heretofore, inexplicable turmoil raised over there, anent the comparatively small matter of the wrecking of the Japanese restaurant and bathhouse in San Francisco during the labor rows there; it is part and parcel of a political program foisted by an ambitious Japanese statesman, one Yamaoka, a Progressist, who seeks to oust the present ministry and take over the reins of government himself.

This is pleasant news, since it qualifies a situation that was hard for the average American to understand. It shows that the absurd demands suggested and all but demanded, are not the unified expression of the Japanese, as a people, and are but a predicate wherefrom a given individual proposes to vault into national pre-eminence, and it dissipates the ridiculous phase almost assumed by our people that the "little brown man," as a nation, was seeking far and wide for some fool "casus belli" with the United States.

We have never doubted Uncle Sam would make everything smooth and good in the matter of the San Francisco trouble, in spite of the over-weening and urgent character of the presentations made in this relation by Japan, but no man of sense in America has dreamed of war. War is not the readiest solution of small issues; it is the last expedient left to men and nations and is resorted to only when every other acceptable alternative has failed. We are glad to know the truth and the pith of a matter that was becoming a bit exasperating; and we shall watch the progress of the progressists with unfailing interest, since there is wrought in their program in Japan an elementary chance that they will force war with this country rather than fall in their political mission.

THE RED NECKTIE.

Over in Russia one Theodore Smith, an alleged Astorian, has been thrown into dismal dungeons in some St. Petersburg fortress, for daring to wear a red necktie in public. Now red is one of the strongest and most beautiful of the basic colors and we deplore the bad taste of the Russians in thus discriminating against it; it is one of the colors of our own "Old Glory"; it is the most

The Railroads Desire Only "a Square Deal."

By A. B. STICKNEY, President Chicago Great Western System.

SOME railroad managers may delude themselves with the assumption that the public is becoming more conciliatory. The public wants nothing more than a square deal AND WILL ACCEPT NOTHING ELSE.

I appeared before legislative committees in Minnesota recently and was confronted with all sorts of railroad tariffs. Nobody asked me about costs. They all wanted to know whether I thought certain rates were fair. In many cases I admitted they were not. They asked me why I permitted the Great Western to quote unfair rates. My answer was that it was BEYOND MY POWER to change them. That could be done only by MANY RAILROADS ACTING TOGETHER.

Consider what Minnesota has done—passed a law reducing freight rates and another law making 2 cents a mile the maximum fare, both penal statutes against which the railroads CANNOT GET INTO COURT.

Freight rates should be advanced, but I see no way of doing that. There are too many CONFLICTING INTERESTS. The interstate commerce commission should have THAT power as it has the power to REDUCE rates.

As to the railroad side of the question, I stated some time ago that a reduction of 10 per cent of last year's gross earnings would WIPE OUT the average railroad dividend.

WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE REDUCTION THAT WOULD BE CAUSED BY STATE LEGISLATION, WE HAVE TO FACE A 10 PER CENT INCREASE IN OPERATING EXPENSES THIS YEAR.

Perplexing Associations.

By BARRY PAIN.

THE frequent association of things between which there is no OBVIOUS connection is always rather perplexing. Why do vegetarians generally believe in votes for women? Why are GOOD chess players generally fond of coffee? Why are antivivisectionists as a rule not quite trustworthy? Why have artists generally got pleasant voices? Why are HUMOROUS writers mostly MELANCHOLY people?

I SUPPOSE THERE IS AN EXPLANATION IF ONE COULD BOTHER LONG ENOUGH TO THINK IT OUT.

striking of the elemental hues in almost any old sunset; it is the color of the fluid upon which we all thrive and do business and keep our health; it is the warm and cardinal dye of most of the superb blooms that make a Portland rose fiesta; it is the essential tint of the warm beauty of our peerless American women, and it has a hundred other claims to special devotion over here.

We are not so much concerned about the incarceration of our alleged, and presumably, esteemed but not well known fellow citizen, as we are about the rude and pointed discredit cast upon one of our proudest and indispensable adjuncts to civilization here in America; the coarse and threatening attitude of a great nation toward the inalienable right of an American to wear a refulgent and vivid tie when he wants to. Think of the wholesale deprivation that would follow the introduction of such a civic rule here in Astoria! Think of the sudden quenching of the ruddy tints that liven Commercial street on a sunny afternoon! The utter blank and darkness that would ensue upon the disappearance of the red neckties, gloves, skirts, hats, and hosiery, the flamboyance of which is one of the spectacular and rudimentary sights we have to offer the gullest tourist!

If ever there was reason for sending missionaries to Russia, there is reason now, and we trust no delay will ensue in the work of warping this unartistic people back to a legitimate appreciation of red as a color typical of so many things American, and Astorian!

LET RUSSIA ALONE.

Until this country has heard the last word from Boise in the matter of the trial of Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone,

it will do well to keep silent as to the monstrosities and perversions usually ascribed to the Russian, the Bulgarian, the Turk, and other semi-civilized savages. We are getting a record from the little mountain city up in Idaho that ought to seal our tongues and numb our hands for many a day and cause us to blush black with shame every time we recall our flip strictures against the manners and methods in vogue in those countries. If there was ever anything that transcended the men and ways and means employed by Harry Orchard, Steve Adams and their associates, whenever they may have been, we have utterly failed to make note of it in the news matter sent us over the cables from foreign sources; save, perhaps, in the one particular of the women and children toward whom some of the desperate agencies were directed there, that phase of wicked horror not having developed here, as yet.

If, before the testimony in this great case is all in, we have not "out heroded Herod" we shall have but a small margin upon which to brag. As it stands today we have enough to reproach ourselves with for all time to come and there is not a clean-minded American who does not hope that out of the awful and shameful record now unfolding, some good will ensue to save the national conscience and make for a better civilization on this continent.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A democratic paper remarks on the presidential situation that the south will be reasonably safe no matter who is nominated. Also unreasonably safe for anything labeled democratic. Political discrimination in that section has long been unknown, and the vote cast has dwindled accordingly.

If Providence will give them another year or two of good crops the people of Oklahoma will not care whether they have a new constitution or not.

In all directions Chill is traversed by a chain of volcanoes. Chill would be a great training ground before a tackle with a strenuous antagonist.

Always begin with a revisionist by asking him if he is for protection. Free traders like to call themselves something else, and no wonder.

Relations between Texas and the Waters-Pierce Oil Company are strained to a point where nothing but money can do any healing.

When the atmospheric conditions are just right cotton can soar higher than any aeronaut, or any bird, or any Fourth of July orator.

James Russell Lowell called May "the pious fraud of the almanac." His eloquent tribute to June awaits confirmation.

Southern states accept Bryan as a necessity and yet devote an increasing amount of space to their own favorite sons.

Pleasure in One! Economy in the Other!

The accumulation of stock causes loss to the store, but a money-saving for scores of buyers who attend these tremendous sacrifice June sales. Watch the announcements.

Read Them With Interest Read Them With Confidence

Profit by our candid advice and respond promptly. First selections are the best selections, for in some lines the limited assortment will likely be consumed by the immense crowd in a single hour.



Ladies' Silk Petticoats.

All Silk Petticoats in colors of Navy, Brown, Red, Grey and Black, going at reduced prices \$6.50 and \$7.50 values. Special Monday and Tuesday only,

\$4.98

Long Coats.

All Ladies' Coats, 48- and 50-inch in length, beautifully trimmed in velvets, Soutache braid, fancy buttons and Armure silk, all new fancy mixtures, during this sale,

1/2 price.

Ladies' Jackets.

Ladies' All Silk Pony Jackets, trimmed with braid 3-4 sleeves, all satin lining, regular value \$20. Special Monday and Tuesday only,..... **\$13.75**

Black Chiffon Broadcloth Jackets

Piped seams trimmed with Persian braids and Taffeta silk, all full satin lined. Regular value \$20. Special Monday and Tuesday,

\$12.50

Ladies' Imported Covert Jackets

All elegantly trimmed full taffeta lining and beautifully tailored. Regular \$15 values, going Monday and Tuesday for..... **\$10**

All ladies' \$7.50 Covert Jackets, beautifully trimmed and tailored. Special Monday and Tuesday..... **\$4.98**

Ladies' Suits.

Our entire line of Ladies' New Spring Suits in Panamas, Voiles, Silk Taffetas and Silk Rajah are all reduced in this sale.

Skirts.

Voile Skirts are the correct skirts for summer season 1907.

Read This Advertisement

Then take a peep at our windows and you will find the greatest bargains of this season, and the most interesting bargains for the economical buyer. There is no place in this city today where \$1.00 will go so far as in this store.

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WE ARE MAKING SPECIAL EFFORTS TO KEEP THIS DEPARTMENT UP TO THE TIMES.

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AND THE MANY NOVELTIES AND LABOR-SAVING DEVICES SHOWN IN OUR WINDOW TESTIFY TO ITS COMPLETION.

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MUSIC BOOKS STATIONERY

The Store For Women **The BEE HIVE** Ladies' Outfitters

PEOPLE OUT OF TOWN

It is time to make preparations for the Fourth of July Celebrations.

There is the **White Waist**, the **White Skirt**, the **Jacket** and the **White Parasol**

We have all these things in great abundance and cheaper than you can buy in Portland. Our Summer Stock is complete in every line.

Make your purchases now and be ready to enjoy yourself without being hurried.

THE BEE HIVE

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