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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Showers; warmer except near coast.

WHAT AILS JAPAN?

Japan is becoming civilized with a vengeance! We always felt, here on the western margin of the American continent, that the "little brown man" was our next and natural neighbor and that he would develop a pro-American spirit inseparable from the contiguity and the consciousness of our protecting strength and generous predisposition toward him; that he would climb right along with us and be an ardent friend for the sake of all such a friendship might mean to him. In fact, we were prepared to maintain a "big-brotherly" attitude and have an eye out for him in his starchy struggle up the civilized heights; and what do we behold! The snappy little runt has swung clean about and is posing as our only avowed enemy in the world, and is all but daring us to "come on" and take the licking he has in store for us!

What is the matter with the Jap, anyway? They were preaching their tradition, loyal devotion to the nation, the Mikado, and all their Gods and history, only a few months ago, and swearing by this people and government, until one would have thought we were solely and wholly their best and biggest friend and here they are screaming war at us and having spasms day after day because we don't kow tow to them sufficiently.

They have taken the lid off of home politics and are going in for all the frills and fripperies of that cult and the aspiring geniuses in the lead over there have concluded that the surest route to preferment and success, is by way of giving us a drubbing and taking over the spoils in a blaze of glory.

Where is their faith and trust in the Mikado; where the endless obligation they are under to us; where the decent, manly, justice that marked them when they were at war with the Russians? If the Jap is going to turn politician, we are done with him. He may go hang for all we care; but for the sake of old times, we will offer him one word of counsel, in the homely terms of the famous old Texan, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead!"

WHAT OF THE GRAIN ROUTE?

Bre'r Harry Murphy had a smashing good cartoon in yesterday's Oregonian, the keen point of which was directed to our Puget Sound friends, anent the water-level haul on east-bound railroad

Administration Is the Principle For Colonies.

By United States Senator A. J. BEVERIDGE of Indiana.

ADMINISTRATION is the principle upon which our colonial policy should proceed FOR A CENTURY TO COME. Wherever we have departed from the idea of administration as such we have made an error which natural conditions will gradually COMPEL us to correct.

Not sudden self government for peoples who have not yet learned the alphabet of liberty; not territorial independence for islands whose ignorant, suspicious and primitive inhabitants, left to themselves, WOULD PREY UPON ONE ANOTHER until they become the inevitable spoil of other powers; not anything but the discharge of our great national trust and greater national duty to our wards by COMMON SENSE METHODS will achieve the welfare of our colonies and bring us success in the civilized work to which we are called, and common sense in the management of our dependencies means PRACTICAL ADMINISTRATION of government until our wards are trained in CONTINUOUS industry and in orderly liberty.

BY THAT TIME THEY WILL ALSO HAVE ACQUIRED THAT RESERVE AND STEADINESS OF CHARACTER THROUGH WHICH ALONE SELF GOVERNMENT IS POSSIBLE.

Crime Is Rampant In New York

By Magistrate CORNELL of New York City

I HAVE been eleven years on the bench, and I am sure that crime is more rampant NOW than at any other time. There is such a lot of mawkish sentiment in the community that a criminal after being found guilty is treated so leniently that PUNISHMENT HAS BECOME A JOKE. In crimes of considerable magnitude it is often difficult to have complaints pressed, even when we have good cases against the prisoners.

It is perfectly apparent to any one sitting in a magistrate's court, where we get to know more about crime than in any other walk of life, that there are regularly ORGANIZED BANDS OF PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS in this city who are daily growing bolder. It is no exaggeration to say that crime in New York is now ON A BUSINESS BASIS. This is shown in the ease and rapidity with which pickpockets, wire tappers, confidence men and thugs find bail and lawyers to defend them. The growing alliance between criminals and certain lawyers has become so open that I have come to know WHAT COUNSEL different sorts of offenders will have appear for them.

THERE ARE SPECIALISTS, SO TO SPEAK, IN ALL BRANCHES OF RASCALITY.

freight via the O. R. & N., in comparison with the mountain grade climb, in the same direction, via the N. P. And the big Portland daily made the most of the situation by amplifying it with a sound and snappy first-page article telling of the hoggishness of the Sound cities in the matter of east-bound lumber hauls from their own, and Oregon, territory.

We are quite curious to know if that cunning cartoon, transposed, with a western trend, from the grain fields of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, will be displayed in the near future, in the same paper, indicating to the same cities on the Sound, the fallacy of trying to compete, over those same mountain ranges, with the water-level haul on grain trains, via the P. & S. and the A. & C. to sea coast, at Astoria? Of course, the query is a bit premature, but we venture to file the suggestion now, so we may have something to recall at such time as the reproduction would be propitious, and does not appear amended as we take the liberty of insinuating it might be.

Such a development is so certain that we may be pardoned the pleasant thought, and really Bre'r Murphy is quite as much to blame as we are, if blame there is in so wholly pertinent an idea!

THE KAISER'S WAY.

When the German Emperor does anything of moment he has a force and dignity all his own and leaves a lasting impression on his associates in the thing

he does; witness his strenuous treatment of his cousin, Prince Frederick Henry, who has suddenly developed into one of the most detestable rogues in the Empire involving the fame and honor of the imperial family in the dirtiest scandal that has shocked Europe for scores of years. He calls him into the presence, reads the latest and foulest report of the prince's capers to him, tears the medals and ambassadorial insignia from the breast of his confessing kinsman, slaps his face, and orders him to leave the German realm forever; and the miserable debsuche departs for Egypt on the instant, shorn of every title, every attribute of a gentleman, with a reputation a dog brute would not carry. This is sharp practice and wonderfully effective; and it will be worth the watching as this kingly man and gentleman deals with the rest of the gang of titled loaders who made the disgraced prince's practices possible. It is a pity we of America have not some such authority and reprisal for the kind of creatures this prince was; some indisputable code that would blast and undo the life of such rarely bad men as this when they are uncovered along with their sins and co-sinners. The one-man power is a superb resource at times.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

We must expect to hear of a mission being mobbed once in a while on account of the unsettled conditions of that country, but it should be no occasion for a frantic outburst of wrath. China can no more help it than our government can prevent occasional violence to some luckless foreigner here at the hands of roughs.

The English didn't think Croker a "proper person" to win their Derby. We didn't think him a proper person to run our politics, but he did. And, moreover, we would have given him a bit to eat if he needed it, but the King refused him a handout.

Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, has the honor of being first announced by a state as its favorite son and a man fit to be President. That gallery will contain lots of statuary so labeled this year.

It is a little hard on Paterson, New Jersey, that the assassins of Governor Steubenberg, of Idaho, should have selected it as the place to write their threatening letters from.

The Japanese "Progressives" differ little from the outs in any other country. They are always asking fool questions of the government.

Market fancies: The general attitude of the young man with an unworn but lovely spring suit at home in his wardrobe is conservative.

Weather Forecaster Emery gives us a

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