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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair and continued warm.

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

The Dalles Optimist is throwing a fit over the attitude of the Morning Astorian toward the Oregonian and the metropolis on the score of the shipping business of the Columbia Basin, and doing a sycophantic stunt over what it is pleased to call "our knocking of Portland." Its worst spasm is engendered by our insistence that the Oregonian tells in plain terms why the deep-water traffic should be done out of Portland, 112 miles inland and up two rivers, when there is a magnificent harbor and all the natural facilities right here within 10 miles of the ocean? It attempts to answer the query itself by reciting a list of cities, at home and abroad, that are maintaining alleged seaports inland and above tide-water, such as Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, and London, just as though these actualities answered the problem.

In the first place, the whole subject is purely a coast matter, affecting The Dalles to the same extent that it affects Wallula, Pasco and Lewiston; in other words, it is simply none of her business, and will not be until she has something to ship out into the world and has a market beyond the mouth of the Willamette river. The Optimist man is butting in; influenced no doubt by the lie-spittle doctrine that if he toadies to Portland the Oregonian will quote him and give him the advertising he cannot get otherwise (a deduction easily verified by turning to yesterday's edition of the big metropolitan daily).

There are certain amenities of which the Optimist seems to need reminding; we refrain from reciting them only because we do not desire to engage in a long-distance wrangle over matters that are peculiarly and wholly indigenous to this end of the valley, and in which the people of the up-river town have no shred of interest. It is our business and especial function to stand for what we believe belongs to this city, and port, and if we have to contest for these things with Portland that is our business and Portland's and does not concern The Dalles nor any other town in that territory, and will not, until, as we said before, they shall have voice in the matter by reason of their exports to seaboard depots, home, and foreign. The howl set up by the Optimist is, therefore, wholly gratuitous; it is talking through the Oregonian's megaphone and with no actual knowledge of the subject or the conditions surrounding it, and, incidentally, insulting a community

with just the same local rights and local pride which, it is presumed, always The Dalles in her (not infrequent) engagements with that same dominating center of Oregon known to the world as Portland.

Mind your own business, Mr. Optimist, and let our fight and its issue alone. We can take care of ourselves down here and will manage to do it, even as you would, were you here instead of in the fine and famous section you are! When we need your help, we will ask for it, and give value received for it; nor will we thrust anything upon you as you have seen fit to thrust upon us the onus of your impotent, causeless and unjust stricture, in this case.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.

As the months go by the conviction grows irresistibly in popular favor that Theodore Roosevelt must succeed himself. It is so apparent that discussion has almost ceased, and the press comment of the country is confined to the reiteration of the common acceptance of the doctrine. All parts of the country have been heard from; day after day new testimony is thrust forward from some greater or lesser locality and interest, in which the same keynote of public satisfaction is sounded, and the call goes ringing on of its own volition.

We might wish, out of sheer respect for the President's own personal desires in the case, that he might be left to act upon what has been given out as his dictum in the important proposition, but it seems the people have one of their own that looks as if it might supersede even Theodore Roosevelt's and if it shall, then this man may lay to his soul the grateful realization of the richest tribute ever paid to an American citizen in the history of the country. And, in our opinion, this feature of the problem is what will end in its readiest solution, for he is not a man to undervalue such a manifestation, and he is too good a citizen to try to turn it aside, or override it!

GAG THAT CHANCELLOR!

Chancellor Day, of the Syracuse University, has slobbered over again, and sets up a yowl in favor of the "righteous rich" as against the dangerous mediocrity of the ordinarily well-to-do, and uses his philippic to hammer the President and exalt his arch-enemies, John D. Rockefeller, Harriman, Morgan, Hill, et al. It is plainly a prearranged, poorly devised, contemptible scheme in favor of certain eminent politicians who are quoted as presidential possibilities and who will do themselves and their party infinite good by instant and broadcast disavowal of the bald and shameless overture.

It is time the board of regents of this great institution retired this man Day, and if it is not in their power by reason of their dependence upon the same class of dominant rich he stands for, then the press of the country should make him and his fool doctrines the target for such a universal attack, as will compel him to seek the salvation silence offers for all time left him. He is making himself and the great school he represents the laughing stock of the country and a quietus should be put upon him that will result in his subsidence even if it involves his retirement from the faculty and from public life.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Earthquake countries are strongly inclined to adopt steel as a building material. It requires no prophet to foretell what an impetus this conclusion will give to steel manufacture. The steel building means the prolonged life and steady activity of this great industry.

Twelve Indian girls of the Chickasaw nation want white husbands, and as each maiden has a large ranch of cultivable land any number of youths can be found who are willing to take chances on being scalped.

The Polish nobleman who went down

CHAMBER COMMERCE

State Dairy Commissioner Lectures on Dairying.

SHORT BUSINESS SESSION

J. W. Bailey Pointed Out the Wonderful Field For Dairying In Clatsop County Together With Many Valuable Hints on the Subject.

The auditorium of the Odd Fellow's Building was filled last night with a representative audience of ladies and gentlemen to hear the lecture of State Dairy Commissioner J. W. Bailey on the general subject of dairying given under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Such a success, was the meeting that a number of the members of the Chamber of Commerce and others at the close suggested that lectures on topics of interest should be held once a month in the future as nearly as possible and it is probable that this plan will be adopted.

President Welch was unavoidably detained away from the meeting on account of the special election which had been held during the day and Manager Whyte presided, introducing the speaker.

Mr. Whyte first read a telegram from President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific Railroad making an appointment to meet him and a committee from the Chamber of Commerce in his private car here next Thursday morning when a number of matters of vital interest to Astoria, it is understood, will be discussed.

At the short business session held in the Chamber just before the lecture, a telegram was read from Senator Bourne now in Washington, that the outlook was very favorable for his getting the United States armored cruiser Charleston to come to this port on July 15th, the date of the visit, address and banquet to be tendered to Vice-President Fairbanks.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bailey's address he was tendered a vote of thanks by the audience. Mr. Bailey then announced the appointment of Mr. O. L. Peterson as dairy commissioner for this locality.

Manager Whyte explained the campaign which the Chamber of Commerce is undertaking to advertise Astoria and this territory. He told how the advertisements which the promotion committee of the Chamber had prepared and were just beginning to publish, 55 in number, would appear in at least one big daily newspaper in every city in the United States having a population of 50,000 or more, and would besides appear in the big daily papers in Canada and Europe. He said this would be the first time that any city west of the Rocky Mountains had ever advertised in Europe. Then he explained that as soon as the advertisements began to bring in the colonists, which he was positive they would bring in, that the next thing necessary to colonization would be plenty of dairy land put into a shape such that it could be quickly and easily handled for dairying purposes. He asked all present who had any tide lands, either diked or undiked, or forest lands off of which the trees had been cut, and who wished to sell the same, to list it immediately, so that the Chamber might be prepared to answer properly the very first inquiries that might be received from the advertisements. Replies to these advertisements will probably begin to come in in about two or three weeks and within a year from the present time, the Chamber expects that the activity in colonization generally

and dug for love's sake in a Joplin, Mo., mine struck a vein of sympathy in her father. Now the suitor gets the girl and the zinc.

The King of Portugal had no difficulty in getting along without a parliament, though he would object to having it called a one-man country.

The French government is getting a taste of the "benefits" of the labor union when it is strong enough to issue authoritative pronouncements.

Shall San Francisco let the bribe givers go free and punish only the bribe takers? It is a good time for an example in equity.

Kansas farmers are forming a union. There may be no politics in it, as they say, but if wheat should fall the ground would be in good condition for the union to raise —, as the farmers did before they began to irrigate.

Bill Ward says: "More men fail to succeed because of lack of courage than because of lack of ability."

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will be at its height.
Manager Whyte also called attention to the fact that dairying was only one of the many things the Chamber was taking up at this time, and that he had been requested to ascertain just how much standing cedar pole timber within six miles of the Columbia river or any of its nearby navigable tributaries might be had for a prospective purchaser and that he would advertise in the daily papers of this city in an effort to ascertain if possible whether there was any such timber for sale and if so, how much.

Mr. Bailey spoke in part as follows:
"If I may be allowed to offer a suggestion, that you proceed here as in other places, I have mentioned and introduce dairying and the dairy cow. And I want to say to you, and I saw it frankly and with no hesitation, that in my judgment there is no place on the face of the earth where the natural conditions are more favorable for this industry than here in Clatsop county. You have here a climate that is unexcelled anywhere, a soil that I verily believe can be made to produce feed so cheaply as to be beyond belief, and for your products you are at the gateway of the markets of the world.

"I have been requested to take up the following proposition in order that they may be thoroughly discussed and in that discussion bring out all the knowledge possible. The first is the maximum possibilities of dairying in Oregon. To this I would answer, there is no limit that can be put upon the manufacture and sale of dairy products in this state. New that is a broad statement but I am not prepared at this time to qualify in the least, and when I tell you of the wonderful growth of the dairy industry in this state in the last eight years, starting from almost nothing and now are presenting millions of dollars, and then tell you that never in the history of this industry have we been so far from supplying the demand as we are today, and that at prices never before heard of, you will understand. I am told by the large creameries operating in Portland that the wholesale prices of butter is at this time 25 cents per pound and

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