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**WEATHER.**

Western Oregon—Fair in the south, and showers in the north portion.

**THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.**

There is something immense and startlingly suggestive in the idea of a universally silent telegrapher's key in this country; and that is what the strike of the Western Union operatives means if it comes to a head, or practically that, for the Postal service cannot begin to cover the abandoned field. The news of the day, the market records, all the elements of important daily information to which the world of men is so accustomed, would cease; rail transportation, express service, the mails and all public intercourse, would be crippled, delayed, stopped or silenced, and cities and towns and country-side would, for the time being, live in, and of, their individual spheres, knowing nothing of the outside world. This, of course, if the strike was carried to its ultimate, which will not be the case, as so intelligent a body of men as the telegraphers know too well the vast deprivation incident to such a movement and are not likely to impose it.

**PROGRAM OF PREPAREDNESS.**

Assuming that Astoria is to get all she is hoping for upon the completion of the Hill lines to the mouth of the Columbia, it is expedient that she adopt a program of preparedness that will place, and keep, her in instant and intimate touch with the huge development alluded to. And this same policy applies with equal force in relation to the Harriman, or Lytle, enterprise approaching us from the southeast. It is the duty of every Astorian with property to study the situations presented by these big and advantageous undertakings and try to realize their bearing on local conditions and markets, and so direct the trend of affairs here as to make the hour of achievement of these railways simultaneous with the launching of Astoria's real and rational boom, or whatever the new uplift may be styled. There must be an easing-up, a general loosening, and an interchange of ideas, so that the varied interests of the city may be gradually moulded to the exigencies of the new departure; properties must be put on the market in order that the outside investor may be brought here with his money, and his purposes be met with some show to his compensation; mill sites and commercial sites and sites for homes must be listed at fair figures and a chance be given

to the man with capital who seeks at Astoria the advantages denied him elsewhere; the policy of "clinging" must be abandoned and the realty market made amenable to all the demands likely to be made upon it, for unless we have a wide-open realty field we cannot expect to attract nor engage the investor from abroad. If he comes in here and finds everything under the duress of prohibitive values, and no sales at that, he is not going to stay long nor leave much behind him. We must prepare to make a situation that will be inviting at the propitious hour if we are to take over the prime advantages incident to it. Throw traditional customs and ideas to the winds and establish new, modern, up-to-date lines upon which to operate for the benefit of the man we are to secure, as well as for ourselves. It is as much a duty to prepare in this way, as it is to equip ourselves for any sort of venture in a business way; more so, because this is the larger, more commanding exigency, and the time is given us, while the reasons are conspicuous and imperative.

**ORCHARD HAS NOT LIED.**

Day by day it is being made clear that Harry Orchard (infamous as he is), has not lied in the tremendous story he has woven into the court records of Ada county up in Idaho. One by one the important elements of his story are clinched and made effectively true, and before he is discharged from the stand, it is quite likely he will have certified the last detail of his awful history, even at the hands of his inquisitors, the lawyers for the defense, who have yet to grill him upon re-direct examination. The farther the testimony goes the worse it gets and the less doubt attaches to it. Truth-telling may be a newly acquired virtue with this man, but he is making the most of it and should be duly credited with the extraordinary faith he has kept with the state. If the defense cannot do more than it has done so far, to disparage his word, then he will go down to history as one of the marvels of men who could tell so full and profound a tale in its entirety and not even blunder nor exaggerate; and the proven record will be without parallel in the world of law.

**THE GIFTS IN STORE.**

When, in the fullness of time, there shall be a line of fine wharves abutting the channel of the Columbia, from Tongue Point to Flavel, and from the mouth of Young's River to Hammond; and those docks shall be but gangways to huge flour and lumber mills and immense warehouses and elevators, and the shipping of the Columbia Basin shall be berthed at these great utilities, day in, and day out, during the busy years (and, by the way, that fullness of time is hardly two score months away), there will be men sad and sore that they did not invest in Astoria and Clatsop and realize on what of certain information is being dealt out to them, daily, nowadays. There will be others, rich, in the van of the new unfoldment, and conscious of a faultless wisdom that prompted them to purchase realty and businesses and all manner of interests hereabout. Among these latter will be the long-headed Portland merchants, factors and speculators who have decided to enter this field with branch houses and generous investments and who are now quietly formulating their plans and bringing negotiations to a point where they will be safe and susceptible of ready consummation. The word has gone forth into all the corners of the Pacific slope that there is to be a big transition here before the end of 1909, and there are more still-hunts afoot here than anyone knows of; and only the man in touch with the lines of investment knows of the actual scope of these embryo ventures. A "word to the wise," etc., etc.

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**HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS EXERCISES**

**BUSY WEEK FOR HIGH SCHOOL—MANY FUNCTIONS IN ORDER WITH FINAL BANQUET TO ALUMNI.**

The fifteenth annual commencement exercises of the Astoria high school will be held on Wednesday, June 26th, and the final examinations were commenced on the 19th. On Sunday evening of the 23rd, the Rev. J. Warren will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Grace Episcopal Church and on Monday the junior reception to seniors will be given at Logan's Hall. Following that the commencement exercises will be held on Wednesday the 20th and a grand finale will be the reception and banquet to the alumni at the Odd Fellows' Hall on Saturday evening, June 29th. The following is a list of the graduates: Mary Ann Adair, Mary Catherine Clark, Esther Neal Gearhart, Olga Marian Moore, Harvey Abner Allen, Aubrey Hamilton Garner, Yvon Daniel Gull-lume, Sidney Stuart Sovey, Donald Nichols Stuart, Percy Tagg, Stanley Paul Young.

**FATHER SHOTS DAUGHTER.**

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., June 21.—Because his daughter, Mary, 18 years old, had run away and married Joseph Como, of this city, Andrew Schuster, of Hartford, came here today to induce her to return with him. Failing in his purpose, he shot at her four times with a revolver, one of the shots taking effect in her side. The shooting occurred in front of the Como home. Schuster was placed under arrest. The bride was taken to the hospital, where it is expected she will recover. She was her father's housekeeper, and he had refused to permit her to wed. The family is Hungarian.

**ROCK CUTS TRAIN IN TWO.**

LOUISVILLE, June 21.—A passenger train on the Baltimore & Ohio South-western was cut in two by a falling rock in a tunnel near Mitchell, Ind., this morning. Seventeen persons are reported hurt, four seriously, but there was no loss of life. The injured were put on a special train and taken to Cincinnati. It is understood that nobody was fatally injured.

**IDE WHEELER TALKS.**

**Gives Out Interview In Regard To the Japanese Situation.**

NEW YORK, June 21.—President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, who is in town, believes that the conditions on the Pacific Coast, insofar as the oriental people are concerned are very grave and present to the residents a question that will not be easily solved. In an interview Mr. Wheeler said: "It is not a question whether the Chinese or Japanese shall go to the same schools as the white children, neither is it a question whether some of the Japanese have been assaulted or treated badly, but the question is one much broader in its scope. It is simply whether the people of the Pacific Coast shall become inoculated with the oriental ideas and plans of procedure or whether they shall remain on a truly occidental basis. Shall or shall not the Pacific Coast states suffer the same fate as Hawaii. Shall the states of the coast be overrun with Japanese and finally feel the effects of their presence as it is felt in the places where they are largely in evidence."

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

Miscreants who may be contemplating a personal assault upon the President are cautioned to take no stock in his denial of the charge that he totes a gun.

With a red bug romping on the potato vines and a green one devastating the wheat, the agricultural situation begins to look blue.

Even in Ohio the political situation has quieted down until no sound is heard except that of sawing wood.

Uncle Sam may apologize for San Francisco on general principles but not as an international duty.

Japan is wonderfully imitative, but it can not do a good job in any attempt to copy the jingoes.

Nine men are to be hanged in Missouri within 40 days. Jersey justice can take a back seat.

Ambassador Bryce not only represents a great country but does it in a great way.

There is more politics than belligerence in the Japanese war talk.

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**FALLS IN BONFIRE.**

NEW YORK, June 21.—Victoria War-snaake, 4 years old, of 106 Milford street, fell yesterday into a bonfire and died last night. Her mother went to her rescue and was burned severely about the hands in putting out the flames. Joining hands with playmates the child had danced round the blazing pile until she stumbled and fell headlong into the fire.

**MEAT PRICES.**

**Increase In Prices Is Perfectly Natural Says Secretary Wilson.**

CHICAGO, June 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: In the opinion of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, the recent increase in the price of meats is entirely natural and even a further advance in prices may be expected. That the cost of meats is greater today than ever before is conceded but Secretary Wilson believes that American prosperity is at the bottom of the situation. The people are eating more meat and the farmers are not raising as many cattle as formerly. There is also an enormous export trade which cuts a great hole in the supply. Last year we sent abroad more than \$323,000,000 worth of animals, meats, and animal products. It was suggested to Mr. Wilson that the price of meats was due chiefly to the determination of the meat packers of Chicago to so far increase prices as to make up for the losses suffered by the packers as a result of the meat inspection law. "I don't think there is anything in that," said the Secretary. "As a matter of fact, Chicago does not fix the price of cattle. New York and the East have their buyers at Chicago and they compete too sharply for Chicago alone to fix the prices."

**MINER KILLED.**

TONOPAH, Nev., June 21.—George Marovich was instantly killed tonight at the Belmont mine and his brother Frank, badly injured by a runaway ore car.

**IN THE CITY CHURCHES.**

**First Lutheran Synod.**  
At the First Lutheran Synod Church, corner Twenty-ninth and Grand avenue. Services as follows: Morning at 10:45; evening at 8:00; Sunday school meets at 9:30, instruction in both the Norwegian and English language; Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

**Christian Science.**  
Services will be held at 634 Grand avenue, at 10 a. m., subject, "Christian Science." All are invited.

**Congregational.**  
Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject, "Hearing to Some Purpose"; evening service at 8 o'clock, subject, "The Devil"; Sunday school at 12:20; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m.; midweek meeting Wednesday at 8 p. h.

You are cordially invited to attend the services of this church on Sunday next, and on every Sunday, and at all the services you will be welcome. Come with us; we will try to do you good. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor.

**First M. E.**  
Sermon themes: Morning, "An Anxious Inquirer"; evening, "Does It Matter What We Believe?" There will be good music at both services. A warm welcome awaits all who will attend these and all other services of this church. Seats are free. All are invited. Other services: Class meeting at 10:15; Sunday school at 12:15; and Epworth League at 7:00 p. m. "Come Thou With Us and We Will Do Thee Good." C. C. Rarick, pastor.

**Presbyterian.**  
Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "No King But Caesar." Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00; evening worship, 8:00, "Passed On Honor." All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

**Grace Episcopal.**  
Literary, sermon and holy communion at 11 a. m.; evening service with sermon at 7:30 p. m. High school baccalaureate.

**Holy Innocents' Chapel.**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.; service with sermon, 3:30 p. m. John Warren A. R. & M.

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