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WEATHER.
 Western Oregon and Washington—Fair and warmer except near coast.

BACK-HANDED INFORMATION.
 Yesterday morning's Daily Oregonian contained the following mistaken estimate of popular sentiment here in Astoria in relation to the coming changes in the maritime status of the Columbia River:

"The Astorian (newspaper), once thought that after the completion of the railroad from Portland to Astoria vessels from the sea nevermore would ascend to Portland. It thinks now that after the completion of the northbank railroad vessels nevermore will ascend to Portland, but will stop at Astoria, leaving Portland too far inland ever to be much of a town. Now we have some doubts about that."

Astoria never, for a moment, has undervalued the real and immense potentiality Portland signifies in the history, commercial and otherwise, of Oregon, nor has its press ever disparaged the city, as such, but has held it the biggest factor in the business field and social life of the commonwealth. We have deprecated Portland as a port, and will probably continue to do so for a while yet. As a metropolis we, with the rest of the lesser communities of Oregon, are quite proud of Portland and have no other wish than to see it forge and flourish and maintain its pre-eminence, until Astoria, or some other city, shall overtake it and share the class and power it now holds undisputed.

But as to the excerpt above printed, we are going to exercise our modesty and allow the Oregonian, itself, to answer that; we are going to quote the big paper, since it has ably and clearly expressed itself on this head in terms we may not even hope to match for clarity, precision and effect, and which go the whole length of our present estimate of conditions, here, and at Portland. In this behalf we offer the text of an Oregonian editorial, uttered on the 10th day of October, 1894, which says:

"It is a good time to press on the sensorium of Portland the fact, never perhaps sufficiently understood here that the advantages of the gateway of the Columbia River over every other route from the interior to the coast, never will be fully asserted and established till a railway be built along the river from Portland to Astoria, so that the doctrine of 'common points' may be made to tell in our favor, with all its proper force. Portland does not get the practical benefit of the sea-board rate on the products of the interior, because there is yet another charge, to be met somehow, before the sea-board is reached. This has at times been covered in various ways, but it always exists. The railways cannot disagree. But under their general agreement delivery may be made from the interior to Astoria as well as to Portland, whenever a railway line shall be extended to Astoria. This not only will meet the rivalry, but will establish an advantage for the Columbia River over Puget Sound; and it is the only way to get it. Till this road shall be built, whatever reduction may be made to Portland from the interior will be made also from the interior to Puget Sound; and the transport from Portland to Astoria will still be a residual quantity, or remainder."

"It has always seemed to us that there were persons in Portland who did not rightly comprehend this important fact. Though vessels may come and do come to Portland, yet Portland is not on the sea-board. Till the 'common point' for our great route of commerce, the point in common recognized by the railways, shall be actually at the sea, we shall not get the full advantages of our position. When, however, we get that common point extended on the map, we shall have advantages over any other commercial position in the Northwest, because our chief competitors are not on the sea, but 150 miles from it."

This being the season for realization of those things which the Oregonian held to be so essential and vital then.

Corporations and Our Multi-Millionaires.



By HENRY CLEWS, Wealthy New York Banker.

It is gratifying to observe that our people have always taken time to consider the problems of the times BEFORE ACTING. An interesting and important question today is whether great individual and corporate wealth is a menace. Economists have always disagreed over the DEFINITION of wealth. For us it will be enough to consider wealth as all our worldly possessions. It has always been the tendency of man to aspire to wealth and higher conditions. This is the MAINSPRING OF HUMAN PROGRESS.

In our own country the result of the aspirations of men for wealth and higher conditions has been the most marvelous growth recorded by history. Americans DO NOT HOARD THEIR WEALTH. They employ it in buying luxuries and in developing the resources of the country.

We can refute much that has been said against our men of wealth. The usefulness of these men has NEVER been appreciated. Shall we ever forget what Americans of wealth—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock, James Madison, Robert Morris, George Washington, all capitalists—did in colonial times? At the time of the civil war, when the government was in financial distress, the WEALTHY MEN came to the rescue. We all know how Senator Leland Stanford bestowed his wealth in founding a California university and that John D. Rockefeller's money built the Chicago university. I might mention cases without number of where the seeds of education have been sown broadcast from Maine to Texas by the rich. Brightest among the galaxy of philanthropists shines the name of Andrew Carnegie.

A great amount of wealth IN THE HANDS OF ONE MAN enables him to direct it in philanthropy and business in a way that will cause it to be of the greatest value in advancing the welfare of the country. The cry of "tainted money" very often causes the spirit of the donor to be UNDERMATED.

While we now have billionaires, THE POOR ARE GROWING RICHER and the list of taxpayers longer. There need be no fear for the institutions of our country by the wealth of individuals. Great capitalists are usually self made, and they are usually men of GREAT CHARACTER as well as of great ability. Their wealth may be abused in the hands of heirs. Laws could be passed to prevent such abuse.

Corporate bodies are often managed by irresponsible directors in a manner that makes its wealth A MENACE. It is here that the law has stepped in, and no doubt the enforcement of the laws will eliminate the dangers.

THE REMEDY FOR CORPORATION WRONGDOING IS FOUND 'N PUBLICITY. THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD PASS LAWS COMPELLING ALL CORPORATIONS TO MAKE SEMIANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS.

We may be excused for religiously adhering to the doctrine it set forth and which time has all but put into effect here. We certainly hold to the principle that Astoria is the only seaport on the upper coast and that its harbor is the one that will best serve, not Astoria alone, but the whole state, and incidentally, the entire Northwest, and most certainly, the city of Portland.

We do not expect that vessels will stop going up the river after the developments of the near future have made this the real port of Oregon and the common point rate on grain has been advanced to this city. We are too well apprised of Portland's ambitious depot for all the measure-cut wood piling depot for all the measurement wood out of Oregon, and we know she will swing that phase of industry just as long as she can, and that vessels must go up there after many of their cargoes in sort; but we desire to figure as nature and the best rules of commerce intended we should, and once we assume that specific attitude before the world, we are quite willing to take our chances of holding and increasing the prestige such a consummation confers.

We have always had this ambition, as Portland is best aware; and that time and the counter-movements of commerce have, at last, justified our claim to notice, and use, in this behalf, it would be strange indeed if we did not strive for the farthest and most consummate end of the deal, and this we propose to do unremittingly and as cleverly as lies in our power.

The Port of Astoria is the next and newest maritime proposition in Oregon, and in good time it will be the biggest thing of its class ever known in the Northwest.

FINANCIAL MARKET TORPID.
 Semi-Annual Money Settlements Cause Strain On Money Resources.

NEW YORK, June 22.—Securities markets everywhere have been torpid through the week owing to the perception that all available money resources would be required to meet the strain of the semi-annual money settlements. Paris has continued to draw gold from New York in this preparation and New York's already depleted bank reserves gives indications that resources must be guarded. While the stock and bond markets have been barren of an ydemand they were comparatively free also from any pressure of liquidation. The restored confidence over a fair outcome of the octopus has not been determined by the week's events.

Conditions abroad give more anxiety than the domestic position.

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.
 LONDON, June 22.—The lawn tennis championship tennis meeting will open at Wimbledon, Monday. Neither L. H. or R. L. Doherty will compete, but the presence of the American players, Miss May Sutton of California, and Beals C. Wright, and Karl H. Behr, the Australian; A. F. Wilding and Norman Brooks of New Zealand, lends attractiveness to the field. The drawing today was fairly kind to the Americans. Wright has to meet Wilding and Brooks in the singles, while in the doubles Wright and Behr will have a hard time in meeting A. W. Gore and Barrett.

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THE PORT OF COLUMBIA.

Judge Cleland, of the Multnomah circuit bench, has handed down a decision upholding the constitutionality of the Port of Columbia law, enacted by the last legislature, and contested at bar by Mr. Sylvester Farrell, a well known taxpayer and ex-member of the Oregon State Pilot Commission.

We, of Astoria, without venturing to criticize the judgment, respectfully beg to file notice of our non-concurrence, and to suggest that we shall carry the matter to all the courts available, in due season and approved procedure, and that we hope to so handle the matter as to make the decree reversing the findings of the Portland jurist incidental with the establishment of the common-point rate on grain at the Port of Astoria; a conjunction that will be peculiarly appropriate and altogether satisfying.

"We rest, may it please the court."
FRUIT DEALERS AFFECTED.

Assert That Telegraphers Strike Will Injure Business.

CHICAGO, June 22.—President Sager of the Chicago board of trade and Secretary Wren of the Chicago Stock Exchange declared last night that the San Francisco telegraphers' strike will have little effect on board of trade or stock exchange business in Chicago.

Fruit dealers asserted that the strike is likely to have a serious effect on their business. Shipments of perishable fruits it is declared, will be seriously hampered as a result of a lack of telegraphic communication with San Francisco and Oakland.

At the Western Union and Postal offices in Chicago last night all messages for both strike points were accepted subject to delay.

AMERICANS IN TROUBLE.

Two Americans Alleged to Have Been in Salvador Row.

SAN SALVADOR, June 22.—George and Edward Moissant, American citizens who it is alleged, with a number of Salvadoreans conspired to capture the barracks at Sonsonata as a party of Potenciano Escalon's revolutionary movement are being tried for that offense. Mr. Merry the American minister, addressed a communication to the government, regarding the case, threatening a cessation of diplomatic relations and demanding an indemnity for the arrest of the Moissants. The Minister of Foreign Relations denied the claim. He has declined to refer the matter to the Salvadorean delegation at Washington.

OREGON-PACIFIC DEAL.

Long Drawn Out Lawsuit Ended In Favor of Defendant.

NEW YORK, June 22.—One of the most complicated and long continued suits brought in this jurisdiction for many years was terminated in favor of the defendants Thursday by a decision of the United States court of appeals of this district. The title of the suit was "Hogg vs. Coe and another." Named at intervals in connection with the action were John I. Blair Rowland Hazard, S. S. Sands and George S. Coe. The basis of the suit was the so-called Oregon-Pacific deal, in which it was alleged upward of \$12,000,000 was lost.

This suit was brought on assigned

JAPS CONSIDER.

Joint Meeting of Five Chambers of Commerce to Consider Situation.

TOKIO, June 22.—A joint meeting of five chambers of commerce was called for today to consider and pass resolutions on the American question, but owing to the inability of representatives from Kyoto and Kobe to arrive in time, the formal meeting was postponed. The absentees are however, expected early next week. The chambers of commerce to be represented are those of Tokio, Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto and Yokohama. It is apprehended that the subject of commercial relation thought it might come up for discussion, will not assume any definite form. Most careful deliberation is expected before any resolution is given final form.

WISDOM NUGGETS.

(From "Success Magazine.")
 The man of grit carries in his presence a power which spares him the necessity of resenting insult.

It is said that if Napoleon had spent more time at his meals and Alexander the Great had spent less, the life of each could easily have been doubled.

Worry and fret are fatal to the integrity of nerve and brain. Fear can sting like a scorpion and torment like a scourge.

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